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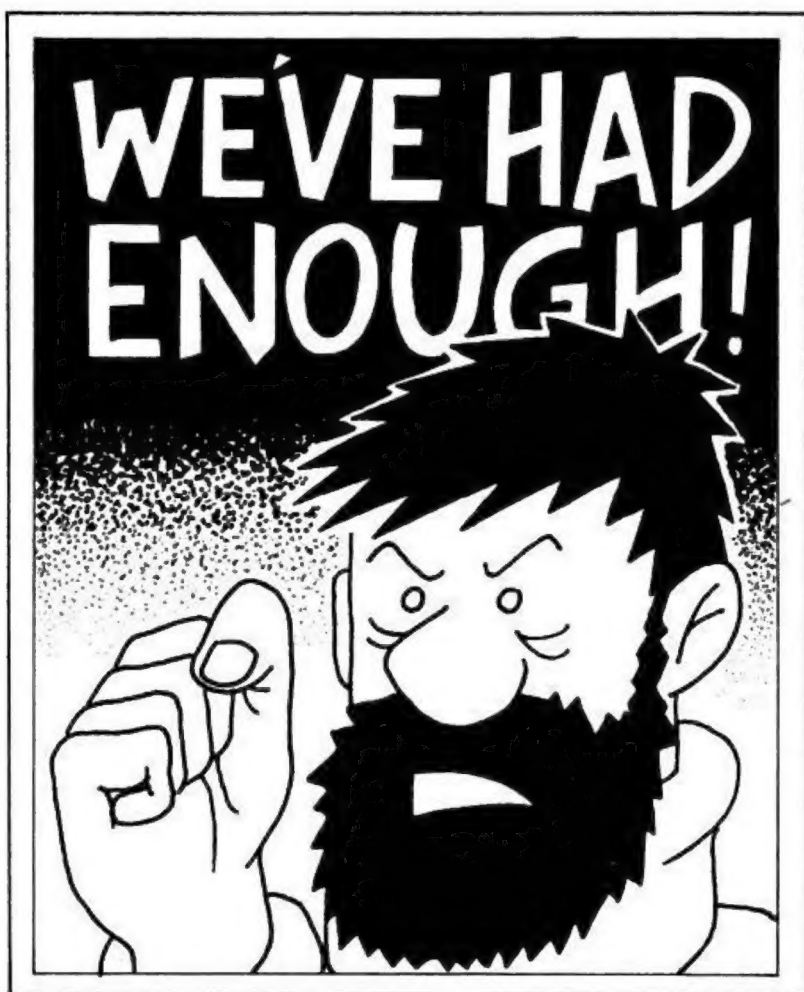
The Adventures of Tintin

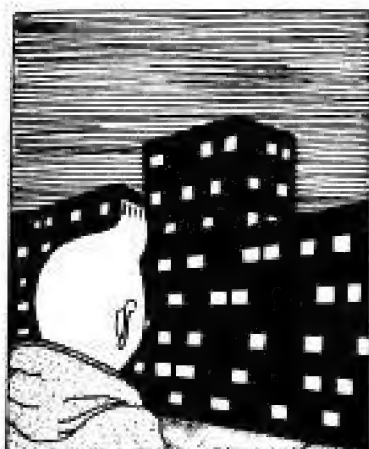


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CHAPTER • ONE





TINTIN, ME OLD MATE!
HOW'S IT GOING?

NOT SO BAD,
UNCLE, NOT
SO BAD...



MARY, LOOK WHO'S HERE ...
IT'S YOUR FAVOURITE NEPHEW!

HIYA TINTIN! YOU OK?
WE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU
FOR AGES...



WELL THINGS
AIN'T THAT HOT
TO TELL THE
TRUTH ... YOU
SEE, THEY CUT
ME DOLE LAST
WEEK!...

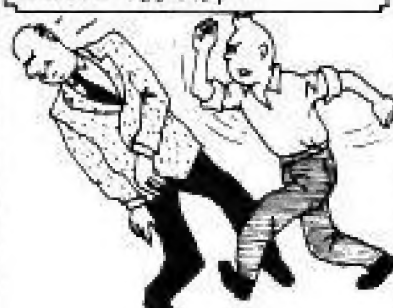


...THEY SAY IT'S MY
FAULT I GOT KICKED
OFF THAT J.T.S. SCHEME
THING...

YOUR FAULT!?

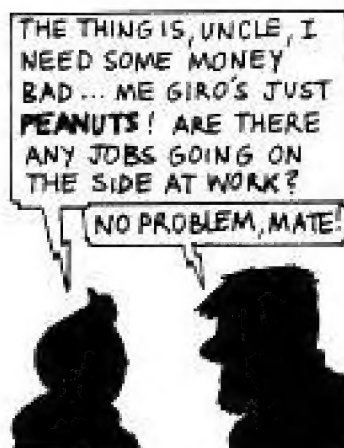


FROM WHAT I HEARD, I
RECKON YOUR BOSS GOT OFF
LIGHTLY WITH JUST A FEW
CHIPPED TEETH!



I WENT **BERSERK**
DOWN AT SOCIAL
WHEN THEY TOLD
ME ...







And so, next Tuesday...

YOU MEAN THE UNION SACKED
YOU FOR CALLING A STRIKE?!

WELL, NOT EXACTLY
'SACKED'....



THEY SHUNTED ME
OFF TO A COLLEGE
FOR TRAINEE UNION
OFFICIALS - IT WAS
USELESS! FULL OF
POT-BELLIED
BUREAUCRATS!



SO I LEFT... BUT
MEANWHILE
THE UNION HAD
MADE DAMN
SURE I'D NEVER
WORK IN THE
TRADE AGAIN!



STITCHED UP IN THE NAME OF
'GOOD INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS'!

YEH, MOST OF THESE
UNION BLOKES ARE
JUST COPS IN FLAT CAPS!



THEY DON'T KNOW THEIR
ARSE FROM THEIR ELBOW
WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO
ACTUALLY WORKING...

HARK WHO'S TALKING,
YOU IDLE BUGGER!



I MEAN, WHEN
WAS THE LAST
TIME YOU DID
A DAY'S
WORK, EH?



I TELL YOU, YOU'RE GONNA
GET A BLOODY SHOCK ON
MONDAY MORNING!...

WHAT AM I BUILDING
ANYWAY?

...KNOWING YOU, YOU
WON'T BE BUILDING
SOD-ALL, LAD...



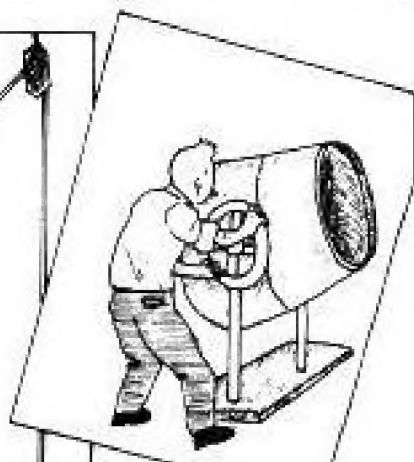
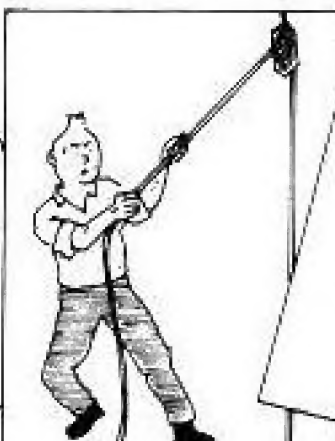
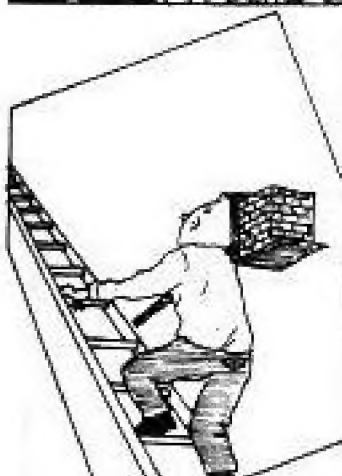
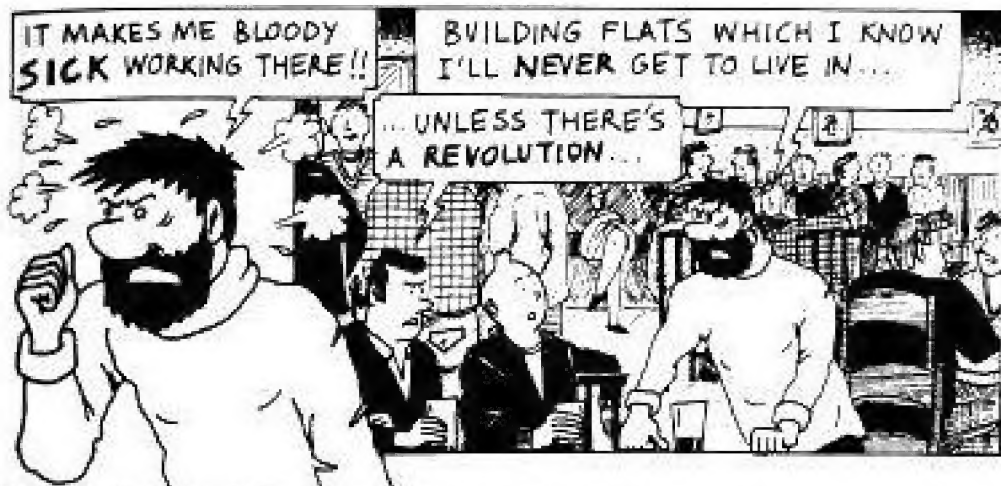
IT'S LUXURY FLATS - THAT'S
WHAT THEY'RE BUILDING!

...IT'S ABOUT THE
ONLY WORK ABOUT
THESE DAYS...



AYE, THAT
AND BUILDING
PRISONS AND
COP-SHOPS!





...GOD, I'M
WELL **KNACKERED**



...AYE AND YOU'LL BE
MORE THAN JUST
KNACKERED IF THEY
CATCH YOU **SKIVING**!



SHIFT OVER, MATE - NO-ONE'S
LOOKING...

BUT WHAT AM I
SLOGGING MY GUTS OUT
FOR, CAPTAIN?... A
RIGHT BLOODY
PITTANCE!



YEH, IT'S NOT MUCH, IS IT..
BUT IT JUST MEANS WE
HAVE TO TAKE FULL
ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE
PERKS!



LOOK AT ME - I
AIN'T RICH, BUT
I'M NEVER SHORT
OF TOOLS ... IF
YOU KNOW WHAT
I MEAN!



...AND IF YOU GET
REALLY BORED,
YOU CAN ALWAYS
"MODIFY" THE
PLANS...



ME AND A FEW OF
THE OTHER LADS
WERE SUB-CONTRACTED
TO HELP PUT UP A
NEW PIG STATION
A FEN YEARS BACK...



...WE MUST HAVE
BEEN **VERY** ABSENT
MINDED ...



...COS THREE
MONTHS LATER THE
WHOLE FRIGGING
ROOF CAVED IN!

SHAME!



LOOK SHARP! THE
BOSS IS ABOUT!



IS IT STILL OK TO EAT
AT YOURS TONIGHT?

YEH, MARY SAID
COME ROUND AT
SIX... OK?



AND SO...

CHEERS, MARY!
THAT WAS DEAD
NICE...



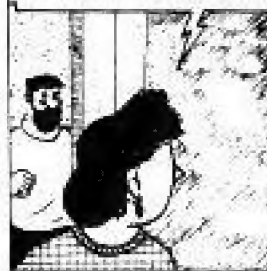
BANG!
BANG!



WHAT THE HELL'S
GOING ON!? IT'S
COMING FROM
OUTSIDE...



THERE'S SOMEONE
BREAKING IN
NEXT DOOR... OI!
WHAT'S YOUR
GAME!?



LOOK, IT'S ALRIGHT...
WE'RE NOT OUT TO
CAUSE ANY TROUBLE...

IT'S JUST THAT
I'M HOMELESS
AND SO I...



...SO YOU'RE GONNA BE A
SQUATTER NEXT DOOR...
IS THAT IT, LOVE?

...ER..YEAH...



SQUATTERS
EH?...





YEH I WILL, BUT RIGHT NOW I'D BETTER GET BACK NEXT DOOR...

OK NICKY, SEE YOU SOON...



LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT SOME GOOD NEIGHBOURS HERE...



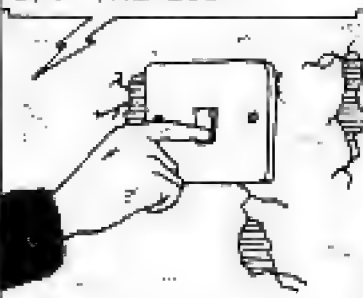
YEH, IT'S GREAT - A NEW HOME, A NEW CITY...
... I'M SO EXCITED!



SO WHO TOLD YOU HOW TO GET HOLD OF THE LOCAL SQUATTERS GROUP?



I RANG THE ADVISORY SERVICE FOR SQUATTERS THE MINUTE I GOT OFF THE BUS...



GOD, I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW HAPPY I AM TO GET AWAY!



WERE YOU HAVING A HARD TIME AT HOME THEN?

...ER... YEAH, BUT IT'S A LONG STORY...



THAT'S OK - KEEP IT TO YOURSELF IF YOU LIKE... SHALL I PUT THE KETTLE ON?...



YOU SEE, IT ALL EXPLODED LAST WEEK...



WHAT?! THE
KETTLE EXPLODED?!



NO - DON'T BE DAFT!
I'M TALKING ABOUT
WHY I HAD TO LEAVE
HOME ..



YOU SEE, MY
PARENTS REFUSE
TO ACCEPT THAT
I'M... THAT I'M
A LESBIAN...



GOD, IT WAS AWFUL!
I WAS LIVING A
DOUBLE LIFE IN THAT
TOWN...



HASSLED AT WORK
BY ALL THOSE
OFFICE CREEPS...



...AND THEN I'D
GET HOME AND
GET HASSLED BY
MY PARENTS TO
FIND A NICE
BOYFRIEND!



IT WAS A REAL RELIEF TO
RING GAY SWITCHBOARD
AND HEAR SOMEONE SAY
I WASN'T MAD OR
"UNNATURAL"!



AND SO IT ALL CAME OUT LAST WEEK
CAN'T YOU SEE? I DON'T LIKE MEN...
I DON'T WANT TO SLEEP WITH MEN...

NICOLA! WHAT... WHY
...WHAT ABOUT AIDS?

WHERE DID
WE GO
WRONG...?



MY MUM JUST COULDN'T
SEE IT... I MEAN, AS A
LESBIAN, I'VE GOT ABOUT
AS MUCH CHANCE OF
CATCHING AIDS AS THE
POPE!



YEH, YOU'RE RIGHT - IT'S
PROBABLY THE SAFEST
SORT OF SEX...

AND DEFINITELY
THE NICEST!



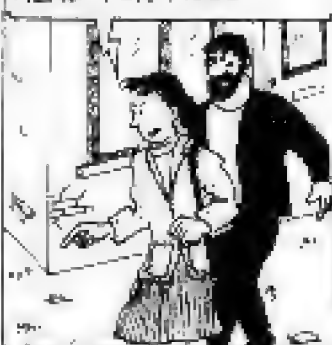
AND IF
ANYTHING'S
"UNNATURAL",
IT'S GOT TO
BE THE
PERSECUTION
I GET FROM
STRAIGHTS...



A few weeks later..
THIS PLACE IS A BLOODY
TIP... LOOK AT IT!



THE COUNCIL HAVEN'T
CLEANED UP ROUND
HERE FOR AGES...



WHAT THE HELL
DO WE PAY
OUR RATES FOR?



WHAT WAS IT LAST YEAR...
£600? FOR SNEET FANNY
ADAMS!



NO, I'LL TELL YOU
WHAT IT'S FOR - FOR
THEIR LUNCHES...

... AND ALL THE
BACKHANDERS!



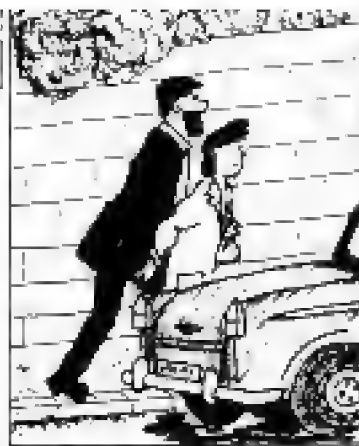
THAT COUNCILLOR
RYAN GOT OFF
SCOT FREE,
DIDN'T HE?



THEY RECKON HE
SWINDLED ALMOST
HALF A MILLION...



IT MAKES ME
BLOODY SICK!



I WROTE TO THE
COUNCIL ABOUT THOSE
WINDOWS...



"Blah blah, blah
thank you for
your letter", but
blah, blah, blah..."
BASICALLY "SOD
OFF!"



...IT'S JUST LIKE ALL
THAT STUFF ABOUT
"DECENTRALISATION" -
Y'KNOW, LOCAL HOUSING
OFFICES ON THE
ESTATE, ALL NICE AND
FRIENDLY...



IT'S A LOAD OF OLD BULL - ALL IT
MEANS IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO
WALK AS FAR TO HEAR SOME
PEN-PUSHER SAY "NO"!



....BUT WHAT ARE WE
GOING TO DO ABOUT THOSE
WINDOWS... WHEN WINTER
COMES...

I'LL TRY TO GET SOME
NEW FRAMES FROM
WORK BUT THEY
WON'T BE PERFECT...



IT'S STUPID
-WHAT DO
WE PAY OUR
RENT FOR?!

MAYBE NICKY HAS GOT
THE RIGHT IDEA THEN,
EH LOVE... HA HA HA...

I WANT SOMEWHERE
STABLE... A REAL
HOME...

WHAT?! LIKE
THAT DAMP FLAT
OF OURS?!



OH, DON'T ACT
STUPID, CAPTAIN
... YOU KNOW
WHAT I MEAN...
AND THAT FLAT
COULD BE NICE...

YEH, YOU'RE RIGHT
MARY... IT WAS MUCH
BETTER WHEN WE
FIRST MOVED THERE...

HELLO MARY!...
CAPTAIN!

HELLO, MRS DAVIS!
HOW ARE YOU
TODAY?



MY ARTHRITIS AIN'T
TOO BAD, BUT ME
EYES ARE PLAYING
ME UP SOMETHING
WICKED TODAY...

I'M SORRY TO HEAR
ABOUT THAT... CAN WE
GET YOU ANY SHOPPING?
WE'RE JUST OFF TO THE
SUPERMARKET...

NO THANKS,
I'VE JUST
BEEN DOWN
THERE, LOVE...
MIND YOU, I
HAD A
SPOT OF
BOTHER...



THIS POSH TYPE, HE
JUST PUSHED RIGHT IN
FRONT OF ME... YOU
KNOW THE SORT, ALL
CREDIT CARDS AND NO
MANNERS...



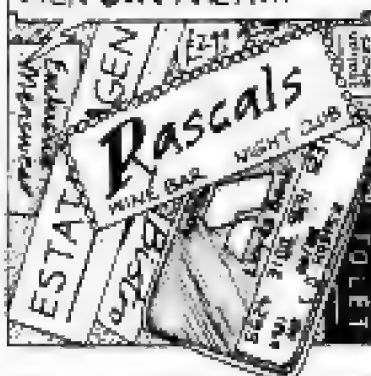
SO I SENT HIM OFF
WITH A FLEA IN HIS
EAR...



I JUST TOLD
HIM TO SOD
OFF... THEY
MAKE ME SO
CROSS!



THEY COME HERE WITH
THEIR **MONEY**, TAKING
OVER OUR AREA...



BUILDING THEIR POSH
OFFICES AND ALL THEIR
LUXURY FLATS...



...AND ROARING
AROUND IN THEIR
FLASH CARS AT
ALL HOURS!



...YEH, I WISH
THEY'D ALL SOD
OFF AND LEAVE
US ALONE...



SOME HOPE! — THEY'RE
HERE TO STAY.... FACE
FACTS, IT'S US WHO ARE
GONNA GET THE BOOT...



THAT'S WHY THE
COUNCIL IS
RUNNING DOWN
OUR ESTATE...



...BECAUSE THEY'RE
PLANNING TO SELL
IT OFF TO THE
HIGHEST BIDDER!



WELL I KNOW I HAVEN'T
GOT MANY MORE DAYS
LEFT IN ME...



...BUT WHY SHOULD
WE TAKE ALL THIS
LYING DOWN?...
WHY CAN'T IT BE
US WHO GET'S RID
OF THEM?



I MEAN, IT'S OUR AREA...
WE SHOULD JUST KICK
THEM OUT!



YOU'RE DEAD RIGHT,
BUT HOW? ALL
THESE SNOBBY GIT'S
WHO'VE JUST MOVED
IN ARE ONLY THE TIP
OF THE ICEBERGS...



...THERE'S THE
BIG PROPERTY
DEVELOPERS, THE
COUNCIL, THE
GOVERNMENT...



AT LEAST WE CAN TRY...
MR ROGERS FROM
NUMBER 9 SAID THAT
THE TENANTS ASSOCIATION
MIGHT JOIN THAT NEW
COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP...



OH GOD, LOOK AT THE
TIME...IF YOU'RE STILL
GOING TO THE MATCH,
WE'D BETTER GET A
MOVE ON, CAPTAIN...



DON'T WORRY,
LOVE, YOU'LL
BE IN AND OUT
OF THE SHOPS
IN NO TIME...



I MEAN, YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO **BUY** MUCH AT TODAY'S PRICES, CAN YOU?

I KNOW... SOMETIMES I WONDER HOW WE'RE EVER GOING TO SURVIVE...



OH, WE'LL MUDDLE THROUGH SOMEHOW...
...WE ALWAYS DO!
POP ROUND FOR A CUPPA LATER, MARY, IF YOU LIKE...



YEH I'D LOVE TO I'LL BRING SOME CAKE ROUND...

TA-RA, MRS. DAVIS!



A few hours later...



SHOULD BE A GOOD GAME TODAY, CAPTAIN...

JUST AS LONG AS WE WIN, MATE!

READ THE TRUTH!
KICK OUT THE MUGGERS -- ENGLAND FOR THE ENGLISH...



WANNA BUY A COPY OF THE PAPER, MATE?



SHOVE OFF, I DON'T WANNA READ THAT...

HAVE YOU EVER READ IT?!



LISTEN, PAL! THE REAL
ENEMY ARE THE BOSSES!
IT AIN'T WHAT COLOUR
YOU ARE — IT'S HOW
RICH YOU ARE!

YEH, I AGREE...



...WE STAND AGAINST
THE BOSSES TOO...

THEN WHY DO YOU
DIVIDE THE
WORKERS INTO
BLACK AND WHITE?



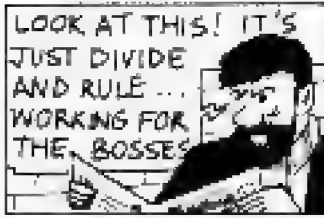
THE BOSSES HAVE
USED THE BLACKS
AGAINST BRITISH
WORKERS... IT'S
OUR COUNTRY ..
FOR WHITE WORKERS
... FOR US!
BLACKS AIN'T
BRITISH!



OH BOLLOCKS! THIS AIN'T
"MY" COUNTRY — IT'S THE
RICH'S COUNTRY!...AND
WHAT RACE ARE YOU
ANYWAY? ... FRENCH?
DANISH? ... VIKING?!!



LOOK AT THIS! IT'S
JUST DIVIDE
AND RULE ...
WORKING FOR
THE BOSSES



YOU LOT
MAKE ME
SICK!



YOU LOOKING
FOR TROUBLE?!



YOU LOOKING FOR A
HOSPITAL BED?!

SORRY, MATE... NO
OFFENCE MEANT...



COS YOU'RE GONNA
GET ONE, YOU
FUCKIN' BASTARD!



NOW PISS OFF
OUT OF HERE!



THEY REALLY WIND ME UP, THAT LOT...

YOUR GRANDAD GOT HURT LOADS OF TIMES TRYING TO KEEP THEM OFF THE STREETS IN THE 1930s....



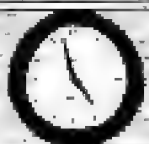
YEAH, KEVIN HERE GOT DONE OVER BY THEM A FEW MONTHS BACK... THEY CARVED A SWASTIKA ON HIS STOMACH...



BASTARDS!



One football match later...



BLOODY GOOD MATCH!

YEH, IT'S ABOUT TIME WE WON!



LOOK, I'M GONNA CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING... I'LL DROP BY LATER ON ME WAY HOME... OK?

OK, SEE YA!



ALRIGHT THEN TINTIN, WHAT WE DOING?

WELL THE BOOZERS AIN'T OPEN YET...



...BUT I RECKON WE SHOULD CHECK OUT THAT NEW WINE BAR DOWN THE ROAD...



LEAVE IT OUT! ME IN THERE?! YOU MUST BE JOKING! IT'S FOR POSH BASTARDS, INNIT?



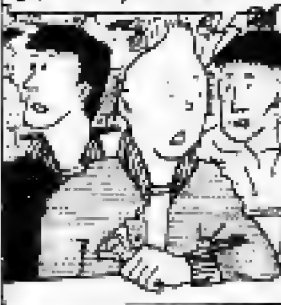
NAH, C'MON ON KEY...
IT'LL BE A GOOD
CRACK!...YOU NEVER
KNOW, THERE COULD
BE SOME DECENT
DIPPING TO BE DONE!



WE'LL MOVE IT THEN!
...WE'RE WASTING
DRINKING TIME!



I'LL GET 'EM IN...
...THREE PINTS
OF LIGHT AND
BITTER, MATE...



I'M SORRY, SIR
...WE DON'T
SELL BEER...



ALRIGHT, MAKE
IT THREE PINTS
OF LAGER THEN...



NO LAGER...



WHAT DO YOU SELL, THEN?
EH? PONCY, OVERPRICED
WINE? WELL I'LL HAVE
SOME OF THAT...



I'M AFRAID WE'RE
SELLING NOTHING TO
YOU, SIR WOULD
YOU MIND LEAVING?...



YOU WHAT?! WHAT'S
WRONG WITH MY
MONEY?! AT LEAST
I COME FROM ROUND
HERE, NOT LIKE...

YOU REFUSING TO
LEAVE?



GET YOUR
FUCKIN' PAWS
OFF ME!...
SOD OFF BACK
TO HAMPSHIRE
--YOU LOT AIN'T
WELCOME HERE



ON THE CONTRARY, YOU'RE
THE ONE WHO'S NOT
WELCOME! CHARLES!
CALL THE POLICE!



YOU BASTARD... I'M
GONNA HAVE YOU!

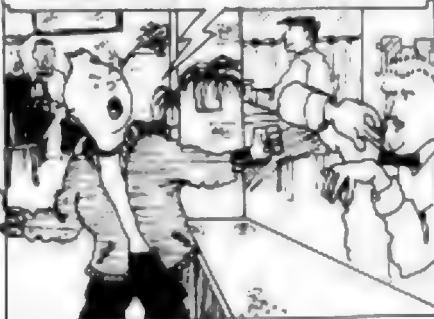
CHARLES!



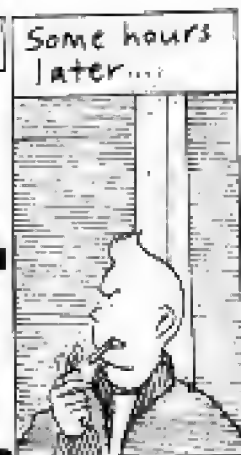
DID YOU CALL
ME, ADRIAN?

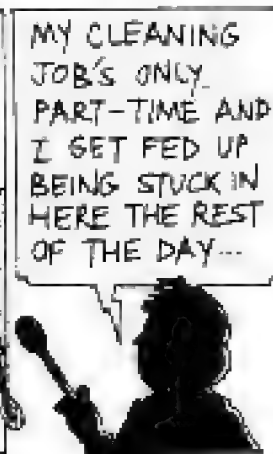


C'MON THEN!





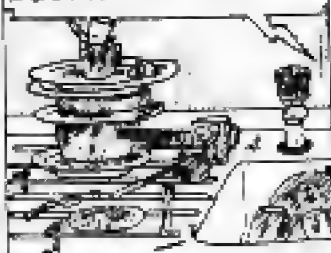




... AND THEN WHEN I GOT HOME I'D HAVE TO DO IT ALL AGAIN FOR CAPTAIN AND SHARON!



I SAW THIS GOOD POSTER DOWN THE WOMEN'S CENTRE - "THE REVOLUTION BEGINS IN THE SINK"



HA! YOU WANNA TRY TELLING THAT TO CAPTAIN!!



I TELL YOU, DURING THE MINERS STRIKE, HE WAS ALWAYS MOUTHING OFF ABOUT THE WOMEN IN THE PIT COMMUNITIES, BLAH BLAH BLAH....



.... BUT IT WAS STILL ME WHO HAD TO COOK, CLEAN, PICK UP SHARON AND ALL THE REST!



YEH, WHAT I'D REALLY LIKE TO DO IS GET ALL THE WOMEN ON THE ESTATE TOGETHER AND...



CRASH!

.... HANG ON, THEY'RE BACK!



HIYANICKY! HELLO MARY! JESUS, WHAT A DAY... I'M KNACKERED!



ME TOO!...

HOW ABOUT A CUP OF TEA, MARY?...



...WHAT DID YOUR LAST
SLAVE DIE OF, EH?...
YOU KNOW WHERE
THE KETTLE IS



I'LL HAVE A BLACK
COFFEE, AND NICKY
HAS MILK AND
TWO SUGARS...



AW, BUT I'VE
JUST COME
BACK FROM
WORK...



EH?!

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU
THINK I DO ALL DAY?
...THROW PARTIES...?!
I'VE BEEN CLEANING UP
YOUR MESS... AND YOU
DON'T EVEN LIVE HERE!



QUIT BICKERING
YOU TWO ...
I'LL MAKE THE
DRINKS, OK?
TEA?.. COFFEE?



I BET YOU
PUT HER UP
TO THIS.
NICKY...



NOW HANG
ON...

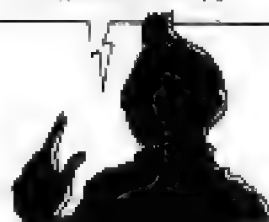
I CAN THINK FOR
MYSELF TINTIN!
I DON'T NEED
ANYBODY TO PUT
ME UP TO ANYTHING.



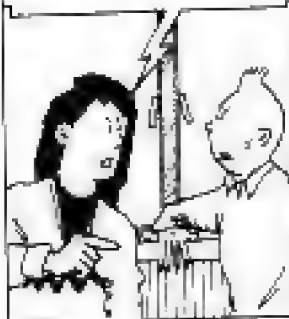
...I MEAN IT'S ALL
THIS WOMEN'S
LIBERATION STUFF...
...IT'S CRAP!!



Y'KNOW...LESBIAN
FEMINISTS IN
WOOLLY HATS...
--MIDDLE-CLASS
WANKERS !!



THAT'S BOLLOCKS,
TINTIN, AND YOU
KNOW IT!



LOOK, TINTIN, ALL I'M
SAYING IS THAT IT'S
ALWAYS US WOMEN
WHO CLEAN UP BEHIND
YOU, DARN YOUR
SOCKS FOR YOU....



I BET YOU THINK
WE WERE PUT ON
THIS PLANET JUST
TO PLEASE YOU...
COOK FOR YOU, WASH
UP FOR YOU....



...AND OF COURSE
WE'LL HAVE SEX
ANY TIME YOU
WANT... EVEN IF
WE SAY WE WON'T!



YOU'RE WELL OUT
OF ORDER, NICKY!
...OK, I'M A BIT
LAZY BUT I
AIN'T NO BLOODY
RAPIST!



ALL MEN ARE
POTENTIAL RAPISTS,
TINTIN!

BOLLOCKS

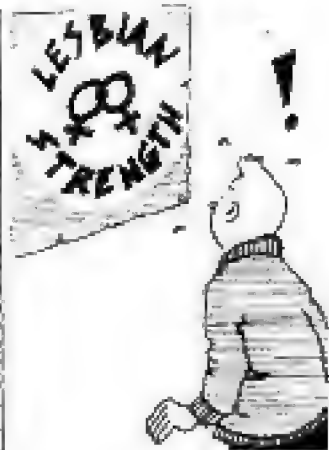
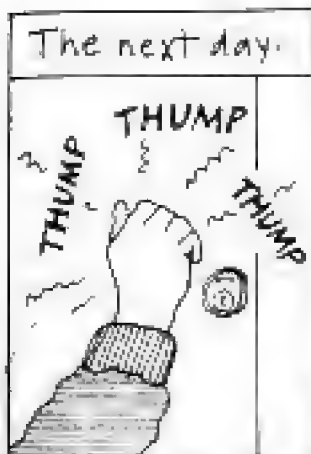


WELL HOW COME
MOST RAPES ARE
COMMITTED BY
"FRIENDS" NOT BY
STRANGERS....?
RAPISTS AREN'T
"MAD"....



...THEY'RE JUST
MALE!!





AND DON'T EXPECT ME TO APOLOGISE FOR IT! I'M FED UP OF ALL THAT HASSLE!



AND DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE I'M FROM OUTER SPACE! HAVEN'T YOU EVER FANCED A BLOKE?



I'M NOT A 'QUEER'!.. I'M A LESBIAN!!



ANYWAY WHAT DOES 'QUEER' MEAN? - YOU AIN'T EXACTLY NORMAL!



WELL YOU DON'T DO EVERYTHING YOU'RE TOLD TO DO, DO YOU? - YOU NICK FROM SHOPS, YOU FIDDLE THE DOLE, YOU BUNK OFF WORK...



LOOK, I DON'T KNOCK YOU FOR DOING WHAT YOU WANT SO WHY DO YOU KNOCK ME?



I MEAN, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE IF I SLEEP WITH JAN? EH?



NELL ... ER ... NONE, I SUPPOSE ...

LOOK, TINTIN, I'LL BE HONEST WITH YOU I LIKE YOU - YOU'RE OK! IT'D BE GREAT IF WE COULD BE FRIENDS



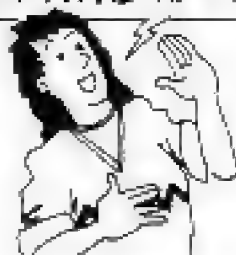
BUT YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE ME FOR WHAT I AM, OK?



OK, BUT THAT STILL
DON'T MAKE IT... UMM..
Y'KNOW... NATURAL...



"NATURAL"? I .. WHAT
AND SHOPLIFTING IS?!
HA! HA! HA! GIVE US
A BREAK TINTIN!...
'NATURAL' HA! HA!



BUT IT AIN'T
NATURAL!

SAYS
WHO?!



I'LL TELL YOU WHO SAYS
IT AIN'T NATURAL -
YOUR TEACHERS, YOUR
DAD, YOUR BOSSES...
ALL THE PEOPLE YOU'RE
ALWAYS MOANING ABOUT...



WISE UP, TINTIN!...
IT'S JUST DIVIDE
AND RULE... THE
SAME AS THEY DO
WITH BLACK PEOPLE
OR ...



OK, OK, I
GIVE IN!!

SO LET ME GET
THIS RIGHT...
YOU AND JAN...
UMM... ARE... SORT
OF... GOING OUT...
AND YOU DON'T
EVER GO WITH
BLOKES....



RIGHT!

IS THAT GONNA BE
A PROBLEM BETWEEN
US, THEN?



NO... NO, OF
COURSE NOT!

....ANYWAY.... I
ONLY GO FOR
BLONDES!!!



OH TINTIN!!

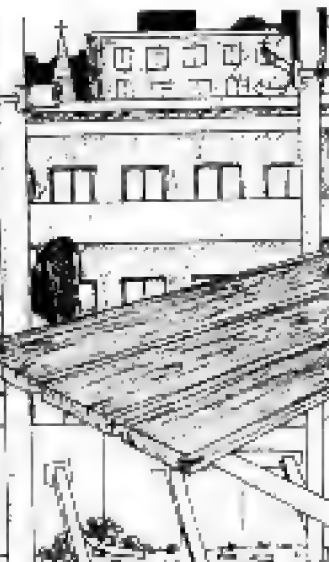
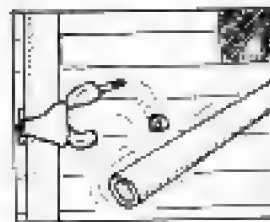
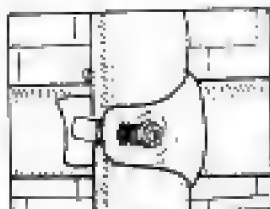


The next week...

THIS IS A
LONGS
BUILDING SITE

*Building
the future*

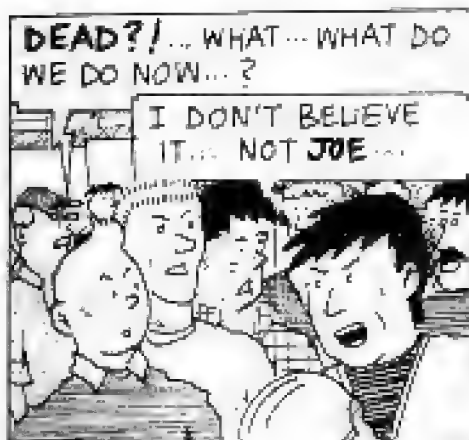
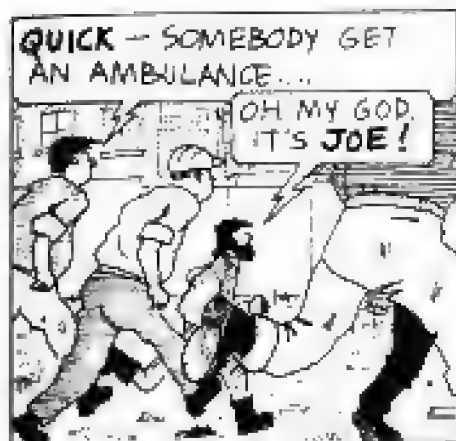
SAFETY HELMETS
MUST BE WORN



**JOE!! THE
SCAFFOLDING!!
LOOK OUT!!**

OH MY GOD!





GOD... DEAD?! I WAS CHATTING WITH HIM JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO.



I TELL YOU, THIS HAS PUT ME RIGHT OFF WORKING....

ME TOO - I JUST WANNA GO HOME AND FORGET TODAY



HEY LADS, SIMMONS IS ON HIS WAY OVER!



WHAT THE HELL'S BEEN GOING ON?!



IT'S JOE... HE'S DEAD... A POLE IT JUST CAME AWAY... I TRIED TO WARN HIM...



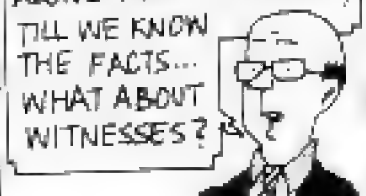
...AND HIS BODY?... IN THERE?... GOOD... NOW TELL ME, HAD HE BEEN DRINKING AT ALL...?



EH?! WHAT YOU GETTING AT?!? NO, COURSE NOT!



LOOK, ALL I'M TRYING TO DO IS ESTABLISH WHAT HAPPENED... I CAN'T EVEN CONTACT HIS NEXT-OF-KIN, LET ALONE WRITE A REPORT, TILL WE KNOW THE FACTS... WHAT ABOUT WITNESSES?



I'LL TELL YOU THE BLOODY FACTS! - A MAN'S LYING DEAD IN THERE COS THIS SITE'S GOT A LOUSY SAFETY RECORD!



I CAN UNDERSTAND
THAT YOU'RE UPSET
-WE **ALL** ARE....



.... BUT AS THE
SUPERVISOR, MY
JOB IS TO
DETERMINE THE
CAUSE OF THE
ACCIDENT AND
FILE A REPORT...



WELL A BLOODY
REPORT AIN'T GONNA
BRING **JOE** BACK!

ER... NO... BUT IT
MAY HELP TO....



LISTEN ... BEFORE YOU
GET ANY FURTHER...
I AIN'T SATISFIED
WITH THIS! GET THE
MANAGER OUT HERE!



YEAH, WE WANT TO
SEE THE **BOSS**!

YEAH!



ERR... I'M ... UMM
... WELL HE'S
UNAVAILABLE...
UMM... AT THIS
MOMENT ... UMM



IN THAT CASE YOU CAN
TELL HIM THAT I'M
BLOODY UNAVAILABLE...
UNAVAILABLE FOR
WORK AS FROM NOW!



YEH WE'VE HAD
ENOUGH! THEY'RE
ALWAYS **SCREENING**
US AND NOW
THEY'RE **KILLING**
US!



WELL THEY AIN'T
GETTING AWAY
WITH THIS ONE...
LET'S STRIKE!

YEAH!



DID YOU HEAR THAT, SIMMONS? THIS SITE IS COMPLETELY **CLOSED** AS FROM NOW

WHAT...WHAT DO YOU WANT....?

MORE WAGES!!
LESS HOURS!

BETTER SAFETY!

WE WANT YOU SACKED AN'ALL! SAFETY'S MEANT TO BE **YOUR** JOB!

... AND WE WANT COMPENSATION FOR JOE'S FAMILY TEN GRAND SHOULD DO FOR STARTERS....

ONLY TEN? LET'S MAKE IT A **HUNDRED GRAND**—THOSE BASTARDS CAN AFFORD IT!

GO ON, SIMMONS, RUN OFF BACK TO YOUR BOSS AND TELL HIM WHAT WE'RE UP TO... AND **DON'T COME BACK!!**

RIGHT WE NEED TO GET A PICKET ON THE MAIN GATE...

BUT THIS ISN'T THE ONLY LONGS SITE...

FLYING PICKETS!

YEH, THAT'S THE IDEA... I BET SAFETY'S LOUSY ON EVERY LONGS SITE...

YOU'RE RIGHT THERE, LOVE... AND IF WE COULD GET 'EM **ALL** OUT, WE MIGHT BE IN WITH A CHANCE...

SO FIRST WE NEED THE ADDRESSES OF ALL THE LONGS SITES...

I'LL ASK AROUND IN THE CANTEEN... MOST OF US THERE HAVE WORKED ALL THE BIG SITES...



RIGHT, CAROL HERE IS DRAWING UP A LIST OF SITES... AND WE NEED TO SORT OUT TRANSPORT AND...

HOW ABOUT A LEAFLET?



An hour later...

HEY! WOODS IS WALKING OVER THIS WAY.



RIGHT... NOW LOOK LADS

...AND LASSES! ALL THE WOMEN ARE OUT TOO...



IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY FOR ALL OF US.. BELIEVE ME, NO-ONE IS MORE UPSET BY TODAY'S EVENTS THAN ME....



BUT I'VE JUST BEEN ON THE PHONE TO HEAD OFFICE, AND I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS...



....WE'VE AGREED TO DISCUSS MOST OF YOUR DEMANDS AND LISTEN TO YOUR GRIEVANCES...



SO JUST AS SOON AS YOU RESUME WORK, NEGOTIATIONS WILL COMMENCE WITH MR JONES.... YOUR UNION REPRESENTATIVE



NO WAY! YOU CAN GET BACK ON THAT PHONE AND TELL HEAD OFFICE TO STUFF IT!



YEH, WE AIN'T GOING
BACK TILL WE GET
WHAT WE WANT!

YEAH!



AND YOU DISCUSS
IT WITH **ALL** OF
US....



WE AIN'T HAVING
ANY DIRTY DEALS
STITCHED UP
BEHIND OUR
BACKS!



WELL IN THAT CASE,
I HAVE **NOTHING**
MORE TO SAY TO YOU!



OJ, LISTEN MATE...
THAT BLOKE DIED
TODAY COS YOU'RE
TOO BLOODY
TIGHTFISTED TO
SPEND MONEY ON
OUR SAFETY!



YOU KNOW WHAT
THAT MAKES
YOU? A
MURDERING
BASTARD !!

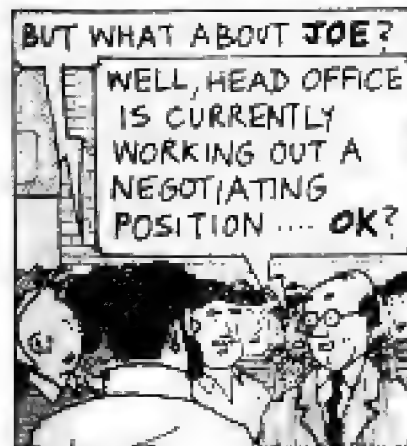
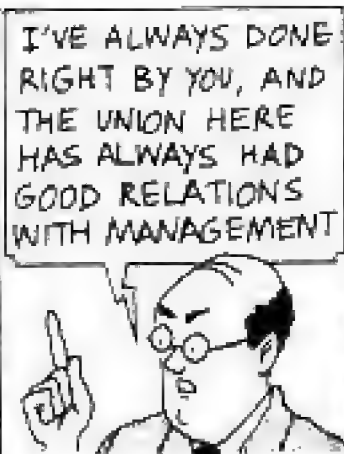


BUT.. BUT.. I'M JUST
THE SITE MANAGER...
..I JUST.... ER... I
JUST EXECUTE... MM...
..**COMPANY POLICY...**



YOU BASTARD !!





ARE YOU **DEAF**, LAD?
THE MEETING'S
OVER... LET'S ALL
GO HOME AND CALM
DOWN...



STUFF THAT!
LISTEN, SAFETY'S
BEEN **CRAP** EVER
SINCE I STARTED
HERE...

YEAH!



...IT'S OBVIOUS
YOU NEVER
CARED ABOUT
SAFETY BEFORE,
SO WHY SHOULD
YOU CARE NOW?



YOU WANT TO TAKE **OUR**
DISPUTE OFF TO THE
UNION HEAD OFFICE —
AND YOU'LL JUST SIT
ON IT ... AND **NOTHING**
WILL GET **DONE**...



YEH...JOE WAS
OUR MATE ... I
BET YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHO HE WAS!



WE TRUSTED YOU
WITH THE
OVERTIME BAN
THREE YEARS
AGO AND YOU
SOLD US OUT
THEN!



OH IT AIN'T **OUR**
UNION ... IT'S JUST
FOR THE **BOSSSES**...

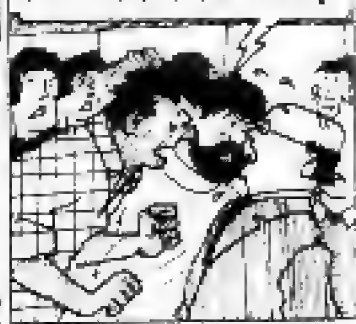
THAT'S **NOT**
TRUE!...



...YOU CAN RAISE
ALL THIS AT
THE NEXT BRANCH
MEETING...

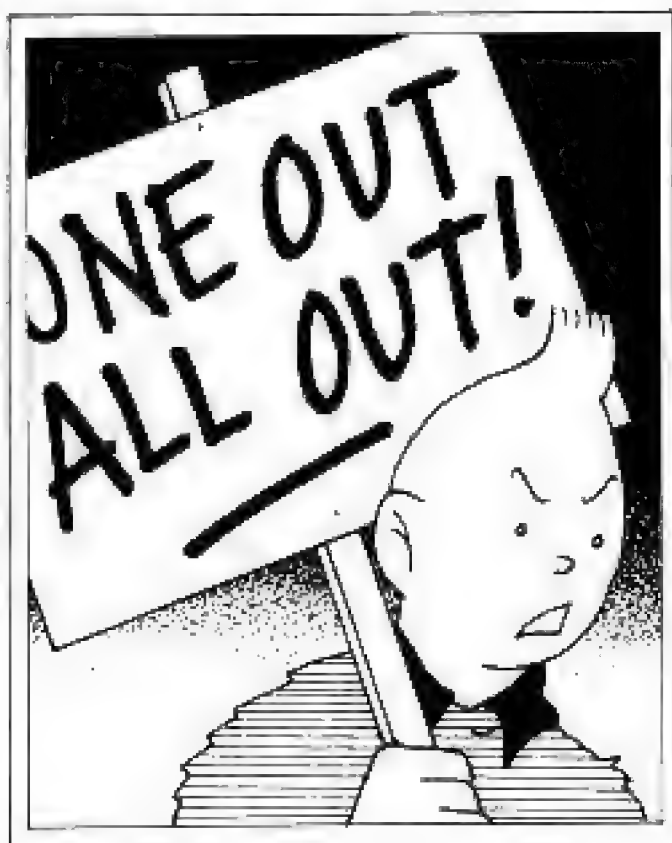


STUFF YOUR
MEETINGS, JONES!
WE WANT ACTION!





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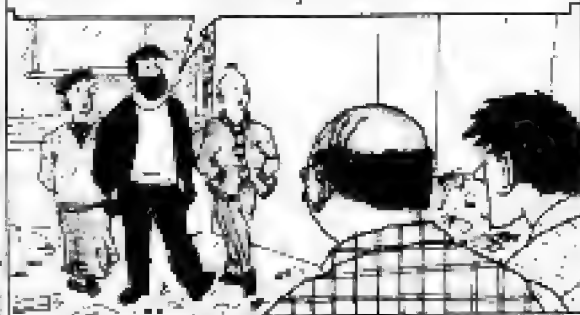
The next morning...

YORK ROAD



THIS IS
LON
BUILDING
Building the Future

ALRIGHT LADS? .. WE'VE JUST
COME FROM THE LONGS SITE
DOWN ON DERBY ROAD...



A MATE OF OURS GOT
KILLED AT WORK
YESTERDAY... KILLED
BY BAD SAFETY...



SO WE'RE ALL
OUT ON STRIKE
TILL SOMETHING
GETS DONE...



... WE WANT
HIGHER WAGES,
A CUT IN OUR
HOURS, AND
COMPENSATION
FOR THE
FAMILY...



WE CAN'T WIN ON OUR
OWN, SO WE'RE ASKING
YOU TO COME OUT AS
WELL... LOOK AT THE
SAFETY HERE...
IT'S **CRAP!**



...AND I BET YOUR **WAGES** ARE
AS CRAP AS OURS... SO WHAT
DO YOU SAY? **YEH?...**



...I DON'T KNOW...
WHAT'S IT GOT TO
DO WITH **US**?



... I'VE GOT A
FAMILY TO KEEP...



BLOODY STRIKES
I'M **SICK** OF 'EM!



LOOK, WE'RE ALL
IN THE SAME
BOAT... WE **ALL**
WORK FOR **LONGS**...



IT COULD BE **YOU**
WHO GETS **KILLED**
NEXT!....



...AND YOU WON'T
BE MUCH USE
TO YOUR **FAMILY**
WHEN YOU'RE **SIX**
FEET UNDER!



YEH YOU'RE **RIGHT**!
THIS PLACE IS A
DEATH-TRAP... I
SAY **WE STRIKE**!



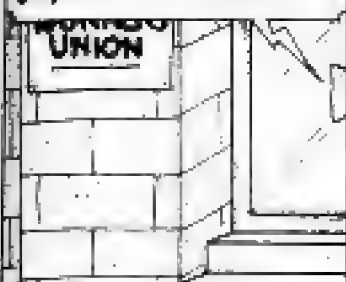
YEH, C'MON **LADS**..
IT'S ABOUT TIME
SOMEONE DID
SOMETHING ... I'VE
GOT A **FAMILY** TOO,
BUT **FRANK'S** **RIGHT**..



... **LET'S STRIKE**!



WELL, AS I SEE IT,
WE HAVE A VERY
NASTY SITUATION
ON OUR HANDS...



THE DISPUTE IS
SLIPPING OUT OF
OUR HANDS - THE
MEN WON'T
LISTEN
TO US...



...AND THE BLOODY
WOMEN **NEVER**
DID! SO WHAT
ARE YOU GOING TO
DO ABOUT IT, ALAN?



WELL I'M MEETING GEORGE LONG AT
HIS CLUB TONIGHT...

IT'S GOT TO BE SORTED OUT
QUICKLY, ALAN



... OTHERWISE, WE'RE
ALL GOING TO BE IN
DEEP WATERS
THERE'S AT LEAST
FIVE SITES TOTALLY
OUT ALREADY - AFTER
JUST **FOUR**
DAYS!!



THE WAY I SEE IT,
WE'RE **TRAPPED** -
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO
MAKE THE STRIKE
OFFICIAL.



... BECAUSE THAT WOULD
MEAN WE CONDONE
THE BREAKING OF
THE LAW...



BUT IF WE DON'T
COME UP WITH
SOMETHING, WE
RISK LOSING
MEMBERS...

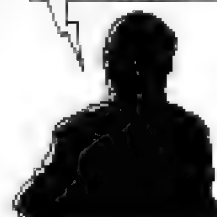


EXACTLY!

IT'S VITAL WE
CLEAR IT UP NOW
WHILE WE STILL
HAVE CREDIBILITY...

WELL I'LL SEE WHAT
CONCESSIONS I CAN
WIN FROM GEORGE
TONIGHT....

I HOPE YOU
SUCCEED, ALAN..
FOR ALL OUR
SAKES, I HOPE
YOU SUCCEED...



That evening...
THAT'S LOVELY, THANKS...

... WHERE WAS I?...
OH YES - I KNOW THAT
THINGS ARE TIGHT IN
THE TRADE RIGHT
NOW, SO THIS STRIKE
COULD COST YOU A
LOT OF MONEY...

TOO DAMN
RIGHT!!



...BUT QUITE FRANKLY
THIS ONE WON'T BE
SETTLED BY ONE
OF OUR NORMAL
AGREEMENTS...

I KNOW THAT, ALAN
THIS TIME I'M GOING
TO GET THOSE BUGGERS

UMM..THAT'S FAIR
ENOUGH, BUT WE
NEED TO WORKOUT.

NO!



IT'S NOT THE 1970s
ANY MORE, ALAN -
I CALL THE TUNE
THESE DAYS, AND I
WANT THAT LOT
SMASHED!



...I'VE GOT PEOPLE
QUEUING UP FOR JOBS
ALREADY... AND I'LL
TELL YOU THIS....



...I **WON'T** BE
PICKING ANY
MEMBERS OF
YOUR BLOODY
UNION EITHER!



I'M **SICK** OF PAYING
YOU BACKHANDERS
ALAN, WHEN YOU
CAN'T CONTROL
YOUR MEN...



BUT... BUT **GEORGE!**

THE POLICE HAVE
ALREADY PROMISED
FULL CO-OPERATION
TO ENSURE NORMAL
WORKING...



...SO YOU'RE
ABSOLUTELY
DETERMINED
TO BREAK THIS
STRIKE?



YES! AND GET **WAGES**
DOWN... THEY'VE HAD
IT COMING TO THEM
FOR YEARS!



WELL, YOU KNOW MY
POSITION AS UNION
REPRESENTATIVE -
I CAN'T **POSSIBLY**
AGREE WITH YOUR
PROPOSALS....



...BUT I **AM**
PREPARED TO
TRY TO FIND
COMMON
GROUND WITH
YOU, GEORGE...



DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
I'M **NOT** INTERESTED
ANY MORE! IT'S TIME TO
STAND UP AND TAKE ON
THESE BLOODY
TROUBLEMAKERS!



YES, AND I'LL DO
ALL I POSSIBLY
CAN TO SETTLE
THIS DISPUTE
PEACEFULLY AND
GET MY MEMBERS
BACK TO
WORK...



BUT IN THE
MEANTIME,
I'D LIKE TO
REMINDE
YOU.....



...THAT HEAD OFFICE HOLDS
A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL
OUR SKILLED MEMBERS
WHO ARE CURRENTLY
UNEMPLOYED....



HMMM...YES, THAT COULD
BE **USEFUL** FANCY A
BRANDY, ALAN?

**NOW YOU'RE TALKING,
GEORGE!....**



Meanwhile, in another
part of the city....

HIYA MARY... HOW'S
IT GOING?....



...OH, NOT
SO BAD!...
HOW'S YOU?



I'M FINE...
WHAT'S ALL
THIS I HEAR
ABOUT A
STRIKE....?



WELL, A BLOKE
GOT KILLED LAST
WEEK...



CAPTAIN SAYS THE
SAFETY'S AWFUL —
THE WORST SITE HE'S
EVER WORKED ON...

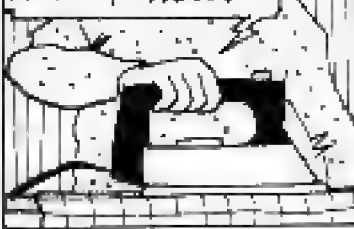


...AND THE PAY'S
NEVER BEEN
MUCH GOOD,
SO THEY'RE
DEMANDING A
RISE AS WELL!



THAT'S GREAT...

I DUNNO... IF IT
CARRIES ON,
THINGS ARE
GOING TO BE
PRETTY TIGHT...



IT WAS HARD ENOUGH
TO MAKE ENDS MEET
BEFORE... AND
SHARON'S GOING TO
NEED A NEW SCHOOL
UNIFORM SOON...



.... WELL IF
THERE'S
ANYTHING I
CAN DO

THANKS
LOVE



TELL YOU WHAT —
DES IS COMING
ROUND LATER — HE
KNOWS A LOT
ABOUT WHAT YOU
CAN CLAIM FROM
THE DHSS



HELLO LOVE!
YOU ALRIGHT?
I'M BLOODY
EXHAUSTED!





DON'T LISTEN TO HIM
MARY - OF COURSE
YOU CAN COME! WE
NEED EVERYONE WE
CAN GET!



LOOK AT IT THIS
WAY, CAPTAIN -
I DON'T WORK
IN THE TRADE
ANY MORE AND
YOU DON'T MIND
ME
TAGGING
ALONG...



DOES THAT MEAN
I CAN COME?

YEH! WHY
NOT?!



HELLO EVERYBODY...
YOU LEFT THE DOOR
OPEN...



HIYA DES - I CAME
ROUND HERE TO GET
THE LATEST ON THIS
STRIKE... WHAT YOU
DOING TOMORROW
NIGHT?



NOTHING MUCH..
..WHY?

THERE'S A
BIG MEETING...



...TO DECIDE WHERE
THE STRIKE GOES
FROM HERE AND
HOW TO BUILD UP
SUPPORT...



BRILLIANT! I'LL
PUT THE WORD
ROUND WHAT
TIME AND WHERE?



HANG ON A
MINUTE !!



THE MEETING IS
FOR **STRIKERS**!
WE DON'T WANT
HUNDREDS OF
OUTSIDERS **TAKING**
IT OVER!

WHO'S TALKING
ABOUT '**OUTSIDERS**'?
...THIS IS PEOPLE
WHO LIVE AND
WORK ROUND
HERE!

JIM'S RIGHT!
YOU'VE GOT
TO INVOLVE
EVERYBODY
IF YOU
WANT
TO WIN!



OH I DON'T KNOW, NICKY
...IT'S **ALWAYS** THE
BLOODY **SAME** - WE'LL
LOSE BECAUSE
WE'RE SO
DIVIDED!

C'MON ON MATE,
WISE UP! ...
REMEMBER
THE OLD
SLOGAN ...

..."**UNITED WE
STAND, DIVIDED
WE FALL**" YEH
YEH, YEH! OK,
YOU WIN!



The next day....

IT WAS A
BRILLIANT
GOAL...!

HAVE YOU
HEARD...?

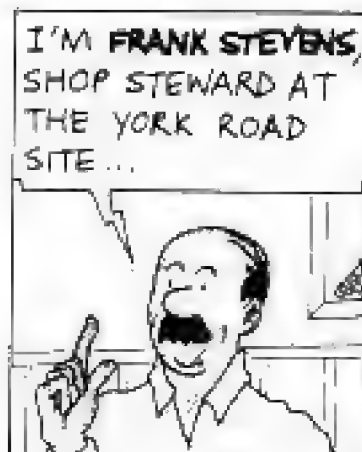
SO I SAID
TO HIM....

THE UNION'S
BLOODY
USELESS...

I'VE LIVED HERE TWENTY
YEARS AND I AIN'T
NEVER SEEN FLATS
BUILT FOR US...!







YOU BASTARD JONES!
YOU'RE GONNA SELL
US OUT!

AGAIN!

IT'S A **GOOD**
OFFER, BROTHERS...

LIAR!

STUFF THEIR
PROMISES - THEY
AIN'T WORTH
NOTHING!

AN **EXCELLENT** OFFER
...A WAGE RISE -
PLUS SUBSTANTIAL
COMPENSATION FOR
THE HILL FAMILY....

AHEM...CONDITIONAL,
OF COURSE, ON...
ER...AN IMMEDIATE
RETURN TO NORMAL
WORKING....

IT'S A **STITCH-UP!**

BASTARD!

SELL-OUT!

WHAT?! AND ALL THOSE
WHO STAY OUT WILL
GET SACKED?! YOU
CAN **SHOVE IT, PAL!**
THE STRIKE'S STILL
ON!

NOW, LET'S BE
DEMOCRATIC,
BROTHERS... ALL
THOSE IN FAVOUR
OF...

BUT WHAT IS
THEIR OFFER?!

...WELL, THE EXACT
DETAILS HAVE YET TO
BE FINALISED, BUT
LET ME ASSURE YOU
THAT...

**YOU LYING
BASTARD!**

NOW THEN, BROTHERS,
LET'S DO THIS
PROPERLY — AND PUT
IT TO THE VOTE...
REMEMBER, ONLY FULL
UNION MEMBERS CAN
TAKE PART...

...I'VE NOTICED
QUITE A FEW
STRANGE FACES
HERE — ARE
THEY OUT TO
CAUSE TROUBLE?

DON'T LET THEM
TAKE YOU FOR A
RIDE! I BET
THEY DON'T WORK
IN THE TRADE....

HARK
WHO'S
TALKING!

THE ONLY **OUTSIDERS**
HERE ARE YOU
AND YOUR **HEAVIES**,
JONES!

LISTEN - I WORK
AT DERBY ROAD
AND JONES HAS
DONE **SOD-ALL**
FOR US... ALL HE
CARES ABOUT
IS HIS OWN
PAY-CHEQUE!

... HIM AND HIS
FAT PALS ARE
BOSSSES' MEN!

YEAH!

I DON'T WORK IN THE
TRADE NO MORE,
BUT A LOT OF YOU
PROBABLY KNOW ME...

...BUT HOW MANY
CAN SAY THEY
KNOW **HIM**?!

I KNOW HIM...
... AND I **KNOW**
HE'LL STAB US
IN THE BACK —
SAME AS HE DID
WITH THE
OVERTIME
BAN!

I'M SICK OF JONES
AND HIS CRAP..
WE DON'T NEED
THEM...!



HE AIN'T GONNA
HELP US WIN
THIS STRIKE...



... THE ONLY WAY TO
WIN IS **UNITY**...

... AND
SOLIDARITY!



WE CAN DO IT
WITHOUT JONES
... AND WE CAN
WIN!

YEAH!



COME ON JONES...
IT'S TIME FOR YOU
TO **GO**...



HEY! LET GO!
LET ME SPEAK!

**KICK HIM
OUT!**



SHOVE OFF JONES!
YOU AND YOUR
BLOODY UNION
HAVE GIVEN US
NOTHING !!



KICK THEM OUT!

YEH, KICK 'EM OUT!

KICK HIM IN!



I VOTE WE KICK
JONES AND HIS
MATES **OUT!**

YEAH!



SORRY MATE - LOOKS
LIKE YOU'RE OUT!!
HA! HA! HA!



BUT... BUT... BUT...
YOU CAN'T DO THIS!



WE JUST
HAVE!!

BUT THIS IS THE
UNION HALL...

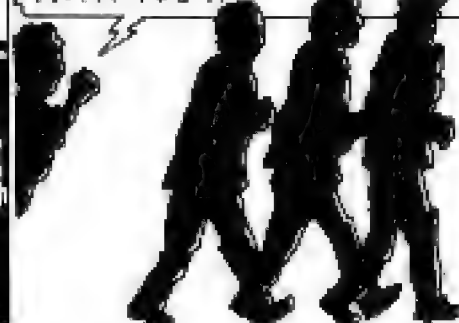


IT'S OUR
BLOODY
HALL!

BUT THIS IS
ILLEGAL!!



GO ON, FUCK OFF JONES
AND TAKE YOUR HEAVIES
WITH YOU!!



RIGHT - LET'S
HAVE A BIT
OF ORDER...



NOW WE'VE GOT RID
OF THAT LOT, WE
CAN GET DOWN TO
THE REAL BUSINESS



...WE'VE GOT TO
GET ORGANISED
...WE'VE GOT TO
SORT OUT PICKETS
WE'VE GOT TO
RAISE
MONEY...



...AND WE'VE GOT
TO FIGHT!!



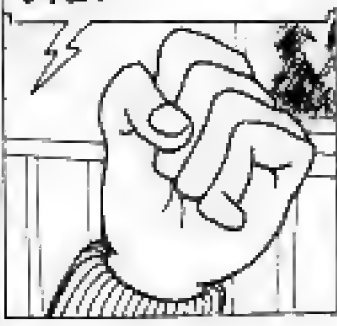
I'M DONE WITH
CRAWLING AND
ARSE-LICKING...



I'M SICK OF THEIR
LIES, THEIR LOW
PAY, THEIR CRAP
SAFETY....



..WE'RE GOING TO
FIGHT TILL WE
DROP...



AND WE'RE GONNA
WIN!!

YEAH!

YOU TELL
THEM, SUE



IF ANYONE WANTS
TO HELP DRAW UP
A PICKET ROTA,
COME AND
SEE ME...



I'LL GIVE YOU A
HAND, FRANK...

WE CAN
USE MY VAN



AND JEFF OVER
THERE IS TAKING
ON THE JOB OF
ORGANISING STREET
COLLECTIONS
FOR THE
STRIKE
FUND...



AND I VOTE WE HAVE
MASS MEETINGS
LIKE THIS REGULARLY!

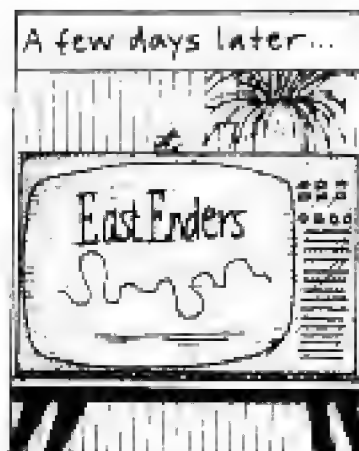
YEAH

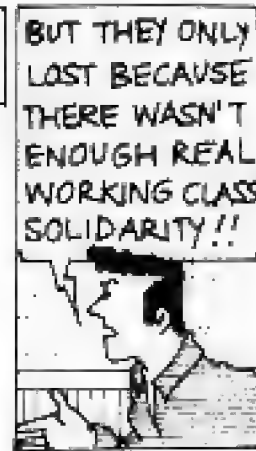
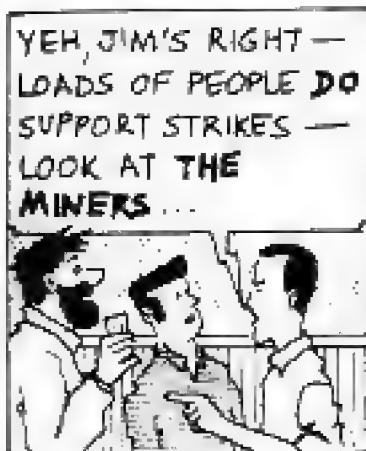
GOOD
IDEA!



HERE WE
GO! HERE
WE GO!
HERE WE
GO!







...YEH I SAW MRS
WOTSERNAME THE
OTHER DAY — **DAVIS**.
THAT'S IT — AND SHE
SAID SHE THOUGHT THE
STRIKE WAS **GREAT**...



THERE YOU GO
LOVE — THERE
IS **SUPPORT**...

MRS **DAVIS**??



... I CAN'T SEE
HER RUSHING
TO THE PICKET
LINES...

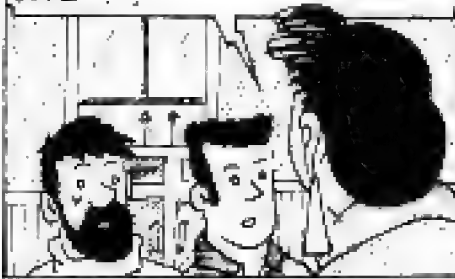
I DON'T SEE
WHY NOT...



AND IF **SHE**
CAN GO, I
CAN GO TOO!



...I MEAN, IF WE'RE
TALKING ABOUT **SUPPORT**,
WHAT ABOUT SUPPORTING
ME ? !



IF YOU EACH SAID
YOU'D DO A FEW
HOURS A WEEK
BABYSITTING, THEN
I COULD GET OUT
COLLECTING AND
LEAFLETING...



A LEAFLET! THAT'S
IT! I COULD PRINT
IT UP AT WORK AND
WE COULD PUT IT
ROUND THE
ESTATE!



WELL LET'S DO
A LEAFLET
THEN...!



HANG ON...

SHUT UP LOVE!
HERE'S A PEN
AND PAPER...
NOW WHAT DO
WE SAY...?



START OFF WITH WHY WE'RE ON STRIKE - Y'KNOW, JOE DYING...



...CRAP PAY, LOUSY SAFETY, NO JOB SECURITY...



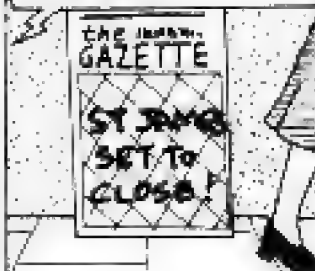
...AND JUST BEING PUSHED AROUND ALL THE TIME... **THAT'S** WHAT REALLY GETS ME!!



BUT WE'VE GOT TO MAKE IT RELEVANT TO PEOPLE AROUND HERE...



PUT IN SOMETHING ABOUT THAT HOSPITAL THEY'RE CLOSING...



AND **EVERYONE** SUFFERS FROM LOW PAY...

PLUS THERE'S ALL THE CUTS IN THE DOLE!



THE FLATS! MENTION THOSE BLOODY FLATS THAT LONGS ARE PUTTING UP!!



AND ALL THOSE FLASH WINEBARS HA! HA! HA!



SAY THAT IT'S EVERYONE'S STRIKE - IF **THIS** STRIKE WINS, WE'LL ALL WIN!



AND PUT PRACTICAL
STUFF AT THE BOTTOM
— COLLECTING MONEY
AND FOOD



WHO TO CONTACT
ABOUT PICKETING,
WHEN THE BIG
MEETINGS ARE...



PHEW! THAT
SOUNDS LIKE
WE'VE COVERED
EVERYTHING..



RIGHT—IF I TAKE IT
NOW I CAN GET IT
TYPED UP AND START
PRINTING IT TOMORROW
OR THURSDAY...

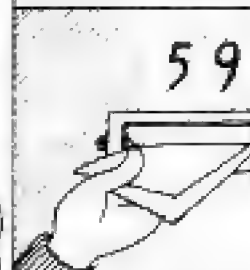


IS 3,000 COPIES
TOO MANY?

NO, THAT'S
FINE — NO
PROBLEM!



A few days
and three
thousand
leaflets later...



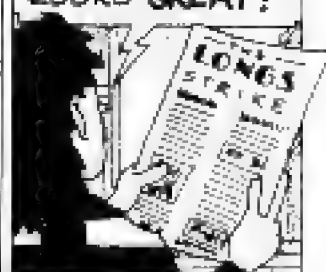
"NO PROBLEM"?!
I'M BLOODY
SHATTERED — ALL
THOSE STAIRS!



AND NOT ONE SODDING
LIFT WORKING!... STILL
IT'S WORTH IT!



YEAH, DES MADE
A REALLY GOOD
JOB OF IT — IT
LOOKS GREAT!



QUITE A FEW PEOPLE
STOPPED ME AND
SAID "KEEP IT UP!"



I KNEW IT WOULD
WORK - EVEN THAT
MR ANDERSON ON
THE END CAME
OUT TO SAY HE
SUPPORTED
THE STRIKE!



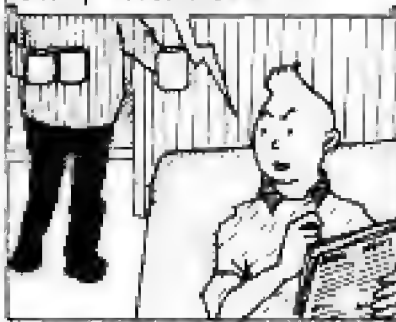
WHAT?! THE
GRUMPY ONE WITH
THE ALSATIAN?!



BLOODY HELL!
WONDERS WILL
NEVER CEASE...



I WAS WELL TEMPTED
TO PACK IT IN HALF-
WAY THROUGH...



...MY LEGS WERE
REALLY HURTING
AND IT WAS SO
BORING! TA!



YEH, IT WAS A
RIGHT PAIN IN
THE ARSE!...



HUH!! IF YOU THINK
THAT'S BAD, MAYBE
YOU SHOULD HAVE A
GO AT SOME OF MY
HOUSEWORK!



ER...NO THANKS
MARY! ... BUT
IT AIN'T MUCH
OF A LAUGH,
IS IT, DISHING
OUT LEAFLETS?





OK...ALRIGHT!...LET'S
SETTLE DOWN - WE'VE
GOT A LOT TO GET
THROUGH TONIGHT...



LIKE
WHAT?

...YOU KNOW - A NEW
PICKET ROTA... ER...
AN UPDATE ON ANY
SOLIDARITY ACTIONS...
ER... YOU KNOW...



NO, I DON'T
KNOW!!

YEH, I AGREE!
NO-ONE
KNOWS
ANYTHING
'BOUT WHAT'S
REALLY GOING
ON!



WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST
THEN, ANDY...?



SOME SORT OF
REGULAR STRIKE
NEWS-SHEET...



YEAH... EVERY
FEW DAYS...

I'LL HELP DO
IT - ANYONE
ELSE INTO IT?



GOOD
IDEA!

ABOUT
TIME
TOO!

I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND
I WILL **ME TOO**



**HOLD UP! WHO THE
HELL ARE YOU?**



ME?

YEH YOU! - YOU
AIN'T NO
BUILDER!

NO, BUT...
**WE'LL PISS
OFF THEN!!**

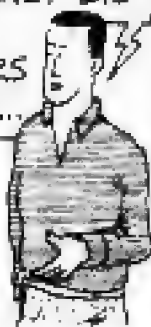


I'M HERE TO SUPPORT
THE STRIKE...

**BLOODY
RENTAMOB!!**



...AND DEFEND MY
STREET AND THIS
AREA AGAINST BIG
PROPERTY
DEVELOPERS
LIKE LONGS...



**PACK IT IN
YOU TWO...**
THERE'S NO
POINT IN
FIGHTING....



WE ALL AGREED LAST
WEEK THAT ANYONE
WILLING TO FIGHT
ALONGSIDE US IS
WELCOME HERE....



YEH, **UNITED**
WE STAND,
DIVIDED
WE FALL!



I KNOW, JIM, I
KNOW - I JUST
GET **PISSED OFF**
WITH THESE
LEFTWINGERS
AND THEIR
PRECIOUS
BLEEDING
REVOLUTION!



WELL **DON'T WE ALL**
MATE, **DON'T WE ALL!**



LOOK WE'RE
RUNNING OUT OF
TIME AND WE
NEED TO SORT
OUT NEXT WEEK'S
PICKETING!



IT'S TIME WE
STARTED TO
PICKET OUT
ALL SUPPLIERS
TO LONGS!



WHAT'S THE POINT
FRANK?! WE
CAN'T EVEN GET
ALL THE LONGS
SITES OUT!



WE CAN DO BOTH!
I'VE JUST BEEN
GIVEN A MESSAGE
FROM WORKERS AT
WILSONS CONSTRUCTION



THEY'VE ALL
WALKED OUT IN
SUPPORT OF OUR
FIGHT!



IF IT CARRIES ON
LIKE THIS...
NOTHING WILL
STOP US!



...IT'S ALMOST AS
THOUGH PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN WAITING FOR
SOMETHING LIKE
THIS TIM...



THEY HAVE BEEN
MATE! THERE'S
A LOT OF ANGER
AND FRUSTRATION
ABOUT!



I SAY WE SHOULD
GET OUT TO OTHER
LONGS COMPANIES
AS WELL...



YEH THEY OWN SOME
BIG TRANSPORT
FIRM...

AND QUITE
A FEW
HOTELS...

THERE'S
THAT
SHIPPING
GROUP!



IF WE APPROACH
THOSE WORKERS
I RECKON
SOME OF 'EM
MIGHT WANT TO
COME OUT!!



A FEW OF US HAVE SET UP A WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP - SO MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY TO CONTACT WOMEN WORKING IN LONGS HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS

GOOD IDEA!



YEH, I AGREE... THE ONLY WAY TO WIN THIS STRIKE IS TO SPREAD IT...



...WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE ON OUR OWN - WE'VE GOT TO UNITE!



On the way out of the meeting....

COPY OF THIS WEEK'S 'MILITANT'...

SOCIALIST WORKER - 20 PENCE!



WE DON'T NEED YOU LOT! PISS OFF OUT OF IT !!



YOU'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING...

HOLD UP CAPTAIN!



...LOOK, IF YOU LOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED, YOU CAN COME IN BUT LEAVE YOUR BLOODY PAPERS OUTSIDE!



OH DON'T BE SO HARD ON'EM, CAPTAIN - SOME OF'EM ARE OK...



...I KNOW, JIM - IT'S JUST THEIR PARTIES WHICH ARE A HEAP OF SHIT !! SEEYA MATE !!



Early the next morning.....



...very early...

OH...OH MY GOD!



MORNING CAPTAIN!

DON'T SOUND SO BLOODY CHEERFUL DAVE!!



GETTING OUT OF A WARM BED TO STAND AROUND ON A PICKET LINE AIN'T MY IDEA OF FUN!



HANG ABOUT...! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING!... IT'S THE OLD BILL!!



CLEAR THE ROAD!
..COME ON, MOVE IT!!
BACK ON TO THE PAVEMENT....

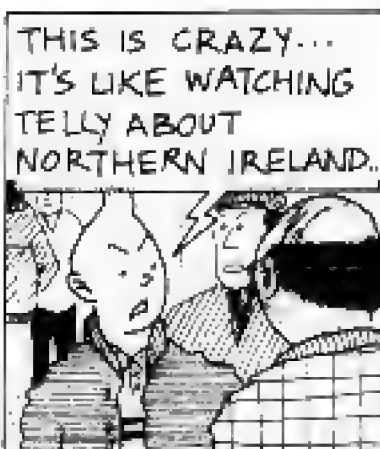


...AND WHAT IF WE ALL REFUSE TO....



MOVE IT!!





HANG ON FRANK!
...WE'RE WELL
OUTNUMBERED
HERE...

TINTIN'S RIGHT...
WE NEED TO
FIND OUT WHERE
THE COACH PICKS
UP...

...HEY, I'VE GOT
A GOOD ZOOM
LENS ON MY
CAMERA...



WITH PHOTOS WE CAN
START PUTTING NAMES
TO FACES...

THIS IS THE
SITE THAT
STARTED IT
ALL OFF...

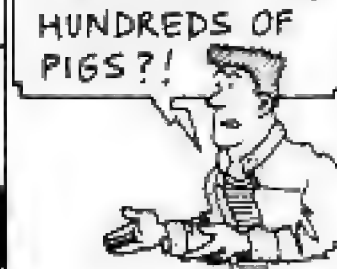
...AND I RECKON
LONGS ARE
BANKING ON
THE STRIKE
BEING BROKEN
HERE FIRST...

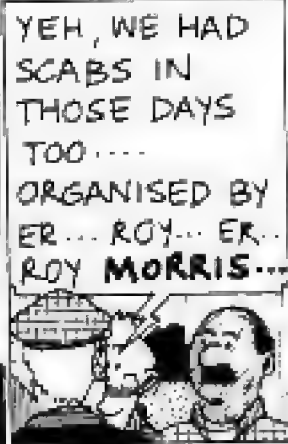


YEH, WE'VE HAD
NO REPORTS OF
SCABS ON ANY
OTHER SITES YET

BUT IF WE DON'T
STOP 'EM SOON,
PEOPLE WILL
START LOSING
INTEREST...

..BUT HOW DO WE
DO THAT DES,
WHEN THEY'RE
SURROUNDED BY
HUNDREDS OF
PIGS?!

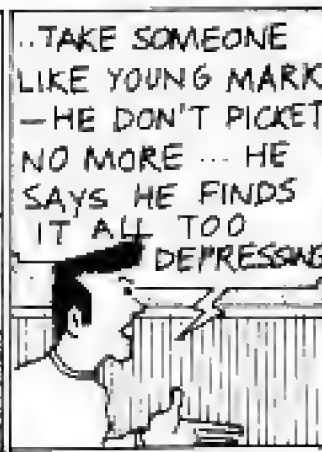




CHAPTER · THREE

LET'S GET ORGANISED





YEH, BUT THERE'S STILL A HELL OF A LOT OF SUPPORT FOR THE STRIKE ROUND HERE, JIM...



...THAT'S TRUE. HOPEFULLY THE NEWSLETTER WILL STIR THINGS UP A BIT...



...AND THEN THERE'S THE BIG PICKET TOMORROW...



YEH, WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A MARCH BEFORE THE PICKET?



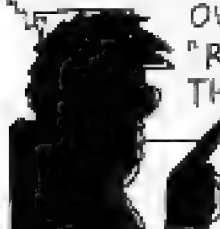
OH, LOADS OF HOUSES ARE DUE TO BE EVICTED NEAR THE CAVENDISH ESTATE THIS WEEK...



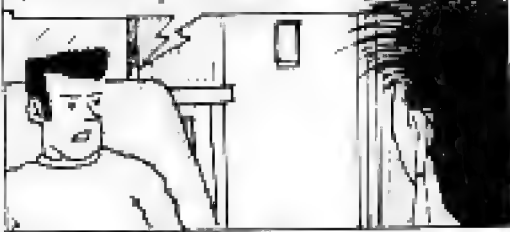
...A BIG PROPERTY DEVELOPER BOUGHT 'EM CHEAP OFF THE COUNCIL



THEY DELIBERATELY WHACKED THE RENT UP TO PUT EVERYONE IN ARREARS, SO NOW THEY CAN KICK EVERYONE OUT AND "REDEVELOP" THE WHOLE BLOCK...



SO THERE'S GONNA BE A DEMONSTRATION THERE FIRST - AND THEN WE'LL ALL MARCH OFF DOWN TO DERBY ROAD...





I'VE LIVED IN THIS STREET ALL MY LIFE — AND I AIN'T MOVIN' NOW!



THE ONLY WAY THEY'LL GET ME OUT IS IN A WOODEN BOX!



A LOT OF THE PEOPLE ON STRIKE AT LONGS HAVE TURNED UP TODAY...



...SO IT WOULD BE NICE IF SOME OF US GO DOWN NOW TO THEIR PICKET WITH OUR BANNER..



I'M GAME TOMMY — I'LL GIVE THEM BLACKLEGS A PIECE OF MY MIND!!



COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP
HOMES FOR ALL



STOP THE EVICTIONS!

DECENT HOMES FOR ALL!

SUPPORT THE LONGS STRIKERS!



WHEN WE GET NEAR THE GATES, WE'RE GOING STRAIGHT THROUGH THE POLICE LINES! PASS IT ON!!



LET'S GO!!!



HERE WE GO! HERE WE GO!
WE GO! HERE WE GO!



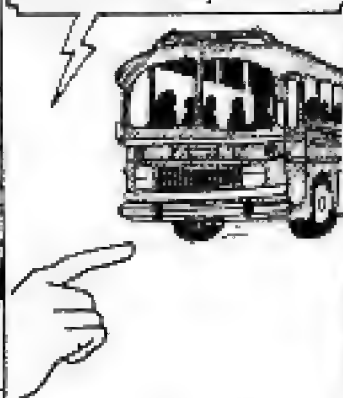
LET'S LINK
ARMS AND
ALL STAND
FIRM!!



THE SCABS
WILL BE HERE
ANY MINUTE...



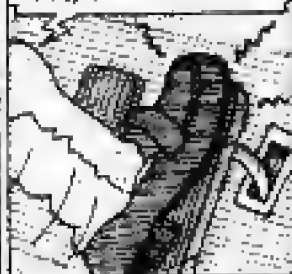
HERE THEY ARE!



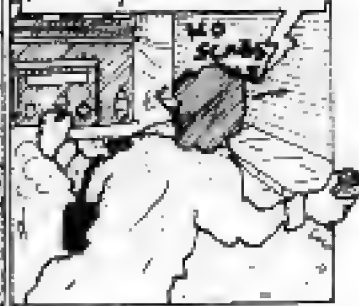
JESUS CHRIST!



SOD IT - I'M
NOT GOING
THROUGH
THAT LOT!!



COME BACK AND
FIGHT, YOU
DIRTY SCABS!







WELL IT WAS LOADS
BETTER THAN THE
USUAL PICKET...

...AND WE
STOPPED THE
COACHES...



...NOT FOR LONG
ENOUGH THOUGH....
YOU INTERESTED IN
STOPPING 'EM MORE
PERMANENTLY?

SURE!



OK, MEET BY
THE CO-OP AT
FIVE ON FRIDAY
MORNING, OK?
AND KEEP IT
QUIET...



Friday morning...



Meanwhile.....

MORNING DES!!

ALRIGHT FRANK!
LOVELY BLOODY
WEATHER!!



HAVE YOU
GOT ANY
MORE SCAB
NAMES AND
ADDRESSES?



YEH, A FEW - I'LL
DROP 'EM IN AT
THE STRIKE
CENTRE...

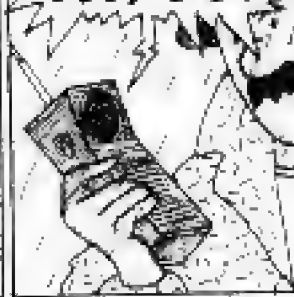


GREAT - WE DID
THE FIRST...

BLEEP!



THEY'RE ON
THEIR WAY -
GOOD LUCK!







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NUMBER ONE

STRIKE CENTRE (Old Union Building) BROOKLANDS ROAD

This is the first issue of a newsletter for Longs strikers. We hope to bring it out once a week, or maybe even more regularly. We welcome all contributions, especially details of pickets, meetings, collections.

THIS STRIKE INVOLVES US ALL. IT INVOLVES THE WORKERS SACKED AT DERBY ROAD. IT INVOLVES ALL THE WORKERS ON OTHER SITES WHO ARE NOW THREATENED WITH THE SACK. IT INVOLVES ALL THE WORKERS IN OTHER LONGS COMPANIES, LIKE TRANSPORT & SHIPPING, WHO WILL BE NEXT FOR THE CHOP. IT INVOLVES ALL WORKERS EVERYWHERE WHO WILL BE SQUEEZED EVEN MORE IF THIS STRIKE FAILS. IT INVOLVES EVERYONE IN THIS AREA WHO IS FED UP OF SEEING LONGS BUILD LUXURY FLATS FOR THE RICH, WHILE THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS AND ST. JAMES HOSPITAL IS CLOSED FOR LACK OF MONEY... IT IS A STRIKE WE CAN WIN IF WE ALL STAND TOGETHER - SOLIDARITY IS STRENGTH!

■ At the time of writing, the strike has entered its 8th week. With each day victory draws closer. Already all major Longs sites have been totally closed down. The way to win is to stand together and **FIGHT!** The Longs management have nothing to offer us. They've sacked us, they've blacklisted us, they've thrown the full weight of the cops against us... BUT WE WON'T GO AWAY! We'll be outside those gates until we win...

ALAN JONES - GO TO HELL!

■ We want nothing from the union and their corrupt management deals. Three years ago, when the overtime ban was on, we made the mistake of trusting the likes of Alan Jones, and they sold us down the river. We won't get fooled again. We know that the heart of this strike isn't the union. It's the pickets, it's the women's support group, it's the Strike Centre, it's the street collections, it's the support we get from the community. If we stand together and fight together, how can we lose?

SCABS

■ There are still scabs going into Derby Road. We've printed a list of their names and addresses overleaf. Why not give them a ring and let them know what you think of scum who will sell their mates for thirty pieces of silver?

PICKETS

■ There is a picket of the Derby Road site every day at 6am and 5pm. Other pickets of the day are posted on the noticeboard in the entrance hall to the Strike Centre.

■ We have heard that several members of the National Front have been seen on the Derby Road picket line. We have only one message for them: **PISS OFF!** And if you know what's good for you, you won't show your faces round here again...

■ **STOP PRESS...** TUESDAY'S MASS PICKET OF DERBY ROAD WAS A SUCCESS...WE TOOK THE GATE EASILY...POOR PLOD DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM...THE SCABS GOT TURNED BACK...LET'S DO IT EVEN BETTER ON WEDNESDAY!

THAT'S BRILLIANT
DES! HERE YOU
ARE, CHRIS....



HOW MANY DID
YOU PRINT?

JUST OVER
FIVE
THOUSAND...



THIS IS GREAT!
WE CAN SHIFT
LOADS AT THE
MASS PICKET
ON MONDAY!



...AND I'VE GOT A
BIT OF GOOD NEWS
AS WELL....



..THE WORD IS
THAT LONGS ARE
NOW BEING
BLACKED BY
ENOUGH SUPPLIERS



WHAT, SO NO
MATERIALS
ARE GETTING
THROUGH?



THAT'S FANTASTIC
NEWS....

OH I DON'T
KNOW....

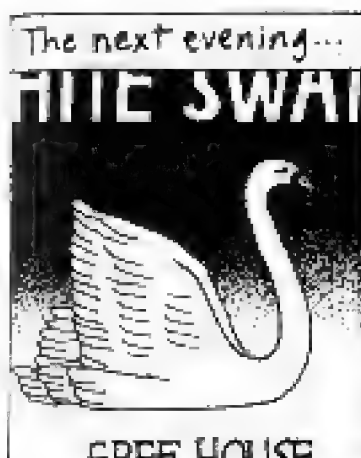


..IT DON'T MATTER
THAT MUCH - EVEN
IF THEY GET
GOODS DELIVERED..



THEY'LL HAVE
NO BLOODY
SCABS WORKING
TODAY!!!





YOU KNOW, I REALLY APPRECIATE TINTIN LOOKING AFTER SHARON TONIGHT...

..YEH THAT LAD NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME...



OH AND WE'VE BEEN ARGUING ALL WEEK AT WORK...



OH YEH?

YEH... YOU KNOW IT'S A PRINTING CO-OPERATIVE...?



YEAH, YEAH

WELL, WE JUST KEEP DISAGREEING ABOUT WHAT THE CO-OP SHOULD BE DOING...



SOME PEOPLE JUST TREAT IT AS A NINE-TO-FIVE JOB....



WHAT, AND YOU WANT TO USE IT TO DO OTHER THINGS....?



YEH, LIKE THE NEWSLETTER...

IT'S FUNNY BUT THE WORST BIT ABOUT IT IS NOT HAVING A BOSS...



EH?!

THERE'S NO-ONE TO BLAME... USUALLY WE ALL END UP JUST HATING EACH OTHER....



CO-OPS CAN BE OK, DES - A MATE OF MINE HELPED SET UP A BUILDERS CO-OP...



...YEH I SAW HELEN LAST WEEK AND SHE SAID IT'S STILL GOING STRONG..



I GUESS IT'S LIKE
EVERYTHING
THERE'S NO PERFECT
ANSWERS...



HELLO DAVE!
ALRIGHT SUE!



THIS IS DAVE -
HE WORKS ON
THE BUSES...



AND THIS IS SUE
WHO WORKS WITH
ME ... CAPTAIN
AND MARY ...



I RECOGNISE YOUR
FACE, DAVE, BUT
I CAN'T PLACE
IT....



ERR..DERBY ROAD
PICKET LINE?...?
STRIKE CENTRE
MEETINGS...??



OH YOU PROBABLY
RECOGNISE DAVE
FROM ALL OVER ...



...THE MINERS
SUPPORT GROUP, THE
PRINTERS SUPPORT
GROUP, THE HEALTH-
WORKERS
STRIKE....



...BLOODY
HELL! IT'S
LIKE A
HISTORY
LESSON!!



THE FUNNY THING IS THAT A FEW MONTHS AGO I'D HAVE FOUND ALL THIS DEAD BORING..



... BUT SINCE THIS WHOLE **STRIKE** THING STARTED, I JUST CAN'T FIND OUT ENOUGH!!!



YEH I USED TO HATE HISTORY WHEN I WAS AT SCHOOL...



ALL THAT CRAP ABOUT KINGS AND QUEENS, AND WHAT SOME BIGNIG SAID IN PARLIAMENT IN 1836!



YEH, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING....



...WELL I KNOW WHERE I'M GOINGUP TO THE BAR! SAME AGAIN LOVE?



WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW IS REALLY BIG...MUCH BIGGER THAN IN '74 OR '79...



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT THOUGH ... A FEW WEEKS AGO IT WAS JUST ONE BUILDING SITE...



..AND NOW IT'S GROWING FASTER THAN DAVE'S BEER BELLY !!



EVEN ON THE BUSES
THERE'S LOADS OF
FRUSTRATION AND
ANGER BUILDING
UP....



...AND WHEN IT
EVENTUALLY
EXPLODES, THE
UNIONS WON'T HAVE
A HOPE IN HELL
OF CONTROLLING IT!



OK, WE'VE DITCHED
THE UNIONS, BUT
WE STILL NEED
ORGANISATION,
DAVE!



WELL, THERE'S THE
**STRIKE SUPPORT
NETWORK...**



...AND IN LIVERPOOL
THEY'VE JUST SET
UP A **REGIONAL
STRIKE CO-ORDINATION
CENTRE....**



WHY HAVEN'T
WE GOT
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT
HERE?



WE'RE SORTING IT
OUT AT THE
DELEGATES MEETING
TOMORROW NIGHT...



**WHAT?! YOU OFF TO
ANOTHER MEETING?!**

ERR.. AFRAID SO...



HOW COME
**YOU GET
TO HAVE ALL
THE FUN!!**



MONDAY MORNING...
WE'RE ALMOST THERE...
IT'S JUST AROUND
THE CORNER....



LET'S GET IT OUT
NOW, JAN...

YEH, OK!



GIVE US A POLE
THEN, PHIL...





YEH BUT THIS AIN'T
A GAY LIBERATION
DEMO - THIS IS A
PICKET LINE....



AND WE DON'T WANT
YOUR SORT ROUND
HERE....



I'M A LESBIAN
AND I
SUPPORT THIS
STRIKE - THERE
AIN'T NO
CONTRADICTION!



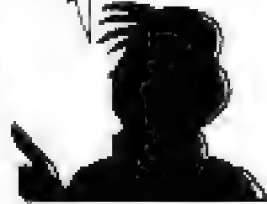
WE'VE BEEN DOWN
HERE **LOADS** OF
TIMES - YOU'RE ONLY
MOANING NOW 'COS
WE'VE BROUGHT A
BANNER...



...LOOK JACK - YOU
ALWAYS GO ON AT
THE GAZETTE FOR
BEING PREJUDICED
AGAINST THE STRIKE,
DON'T YOU?...



...BUT IT'S OK
FOR **YOU** TO BE
PREJUDICED
AGAINST
NICKY....



...ANYWAY, WE'RE
STAYING - IF YOU
DON'T LIKE IT, THAT'S
YOUR PROBLEM!!



NICE ONE NICKY!
YOU TELL HIM!



OH HI TINTIN!
CREEPS LIKE
THAT REALLY
WIND ME UP!!



...I MEAN, WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING DOWN HERE, EH?!



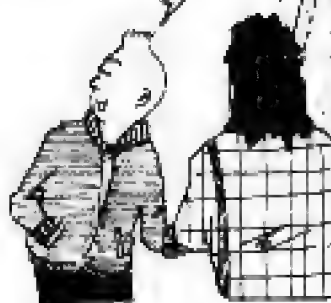
IT'S BAD ENOUGH HAVING TO GO TO A 'RESTART' INTERVIEW THIS MORNING...



WITHOUT BEING HASSLED HERE BY JERKS LIKE THAT!!



... AND THEN I'VE... KEVIN! ALRIGHT!



OH THANKS A BUNDLE FOR LISTENING, TINTIN!!



...IT'S THE SAME WITH CAPTAIN, NICKY....



THE ONLY TIME I SEE HIM THESE DAYS IS SPEAKING ON A PLATFORM...



.. AND IF I GET TO SEE HIM ALONE, IT'S JUST STRIKE, STRIKE, STRIKE!



... AND TO CAP IT ALL, I SHOULD HAVE COME ON 3 DAYS AGO!....



YEH, SOMETIMES
IT SEEMS LIKE
NOTHING'S WORTH
IT...



NOT EVEN THIS
BLOODY STRIKE!
WHAT'S THE
POINT OF IT IF...



WAKE UP AT THE
END...THE COPS
ARE ON THE
MOVE!!



WE'RE BLOCKED
IN... AGAIN!



..IT'S LIKE THIS
EVERY TIME...
GOD I HATE IT!!



CHEER UP NICKY!
THIS STRIKE'S
THE BEST LAUGH
ANY OF US HAVE
HAD FOR AGES!!



OI!! YOU **BLACK BASTARD!!** WHY DON'T YOU **FUCK OFF HOME!!**



SHUT YER MOUTH YOU ... OR I'LL **SHUT IT FOR YOU!!... I'M BLACK...**



AND I AIN'T NO BASTARD! THAT THERE IS A COP...



...AND THAT'S THE WORST INSULT OF ALL!!



IT DON'T MATTER WHAT COLOUR YOU ARE - IT'S WHICH SIDE YOU'RE ON....



SCABS!



BASTARDS! SCABS!



WANKERS! SCUM!



BASTARDS!



A few days later....



RIGHT, AS USUAL,
WE'VE GOT **LOADS**
TO DO TONIGHT,
SO FIRST OFF...



..THIS IS DAVE
HARRIS FROM
WILLIAMSON'S
WHO ARE THE
FAR THE BIGGEST
SUPPLIERS TO
LONGS



CHEERS, JIM ... AS
YOU KNOW, FOR
THE LAST TWO
WEEKS...



.. WE'VE BEEN
BLACKING ALL
SUPPLIES TO
LONGS...



BUT YESTERDAY
MANAGEMENT
ISSUED AN
ULTIMATUM - GET
BACK TO WORK...



OR FACE THE
SACK

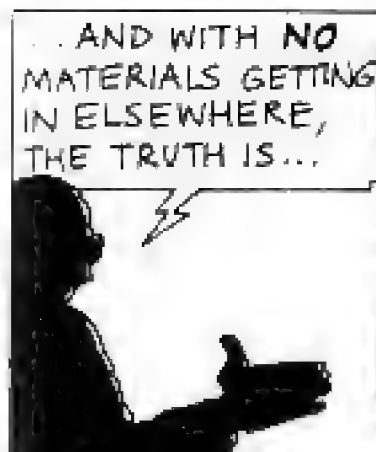


...SO WE HAD
CAPTAIN OVER
TO CHAT WITH.
THE LADS... ER...
AND THE LASSES.



..AND THE RESULT
IS THAT WE'RE NO
LONGER BLACKING
DELIVERIES...





AND THERE'S A CHANCE
THAT TRANSPORT
WORKERS IN THE
LONGS CHAIN WILL
COME OUT NEXT
WEEK.



WHICH WILL MEAN
US GETTING OUT
TO SUPPORT
THEIR PICKET...



PLUS WILDCAT
STRIKES OVER
PAY AND CASUAL
LABOUR ARE
SPREADING AT
THE POST OFFICE!



AND AT LAST WE'VE
SORTED OUT A WAY
OF GETTING ALL
STRIKERS TOGETHER.



...AN ORGANISATION
CALLED **REGIONAL
STRIKE CO-ORDIN-
ATION** HAS BEEN
SET UP - AND IT'S
OPEN TO ANYBODY!!



MY GOD, ALAN,
IT'S REALLY
SPREADING...



IT'S AMAZING..
WE'RE REALLY
BEGINNING TO
WIN..!



WE'VE STILL GOT
LOTS OF MONEY
COMING IN, BUT ALL
THE NEW STRIKERS
WILL NEED MONEY...



..WE NEED TO STEP
UP COLLECTIONS—
IT'S NOT JUST
LONGS ANY MORE—
IT'S GETTING
BIGGER EVERY DAY!



WE'VE GOT TO STICK TOGETHER EVEN MORE...AS IT GETS BIGGER, IT'S GONNA GET HARDER...



..WE'RE ALL GOING THROUGH HARD TIMES, BUT I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY...



THAT I'D RATHER DIE ON MY FEET THAN LIVE ON MY KNEES...



WE'LL HOPEFULLY NO-ONE WILL DIE...

...EXCEPT SCABS!

...AND THE BOSSES!!



..BUT WE HAVE GOT A LOT OF HARD GRAFT TO DO... DES HAS PRINTED UP SOME POSTERS...



...THERE'S ONE ABOUT THE STRIKE AND ONE FOR THE BIG DEMO COMING UP ON THE 20TH...



..SO CAN YOU ALL TAKE SOME AND GET'EM STUCK UP ALL OVER...



PSST!! I'M DYING FOR A PINT... DO YOU FANCY ONE?



YEH...LET'S GO...



...IT WAS A GREAT MEETING...

YEH, SOMETHING'S REALLY HAPPENING...



HANG ON... I'VE JUST GOT TO MAKE A CALL...



HELLO, IS THAT GEORGE SMITH?



LISTEN YOU SCABBY BASTARD... LAST NIGHT IT WAS YOUR WINDOWS, NEXT TIME IT'S YOUR LEGS... UNDERSTAND?!!



...IT GIVES ME A REAL KICK TO DO THAT...



...BUT I STILL FEEL PRETTY HELPLESS...



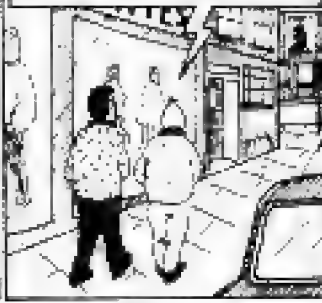
I MEAN, WE'VE GOT THEM A FEW TIMES, BUT SO WHAT?!



SMALL ACTIONS DO HELP TO KEEP IT ALL GOING...



NAH! WE'RE JUST PISSING INTO THE WIND!



... WHAT ARE WE
FIGHTING FOR - MOST
OF US WILL NEVER
GET A JOB AGAIN...



NO, WE CAN WIN...
... A PINT OF
GUINNESS AND A
PINT OF LAGER
PLEASE...



...YEAH...



THE WAY TO STOP
THOSE BASTARDS
WORKING...



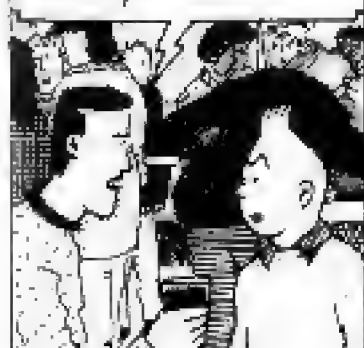
...IS TO DEVASTATE
THAT SITE ... JUST
THINK - NO MORE
SCABBING!



IT COULD BE
DONE, YOU
KNOW...



.... BUT IT'S BLOODY
RISKY...



THAT SORT OF
STUFF SCARES
ME SHITLESS!



BUT YOU'VE GOT
TO PUT YOUR
MONEY WHERE
YOUR MOUTH IS!



...IT'S NO GAME -
WE'VE GOT TO PUT
THE FUCKING BOOT
IN — **HARD!**



..DO YOU KNOW
THE LAYOUT OF
THE SITE...?



..YEH.... OF
COURSE...



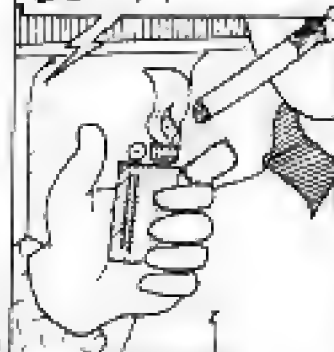
...WELL THEN...?



...WELL WHAT?



DO YOU WANNA
DO IT?



...WHAT, BURN IT?

YEAH...



YEAH! WHY NOT!
THOSE BASTARDS
DESERVE IT!

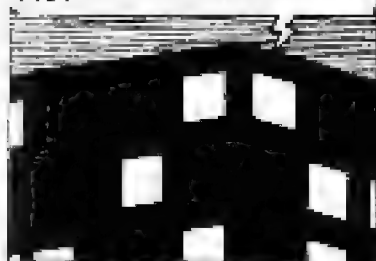


OK, LET'S GO
OUTSIDE — I
DON'T LIKE
TALKING IN
PUBS...

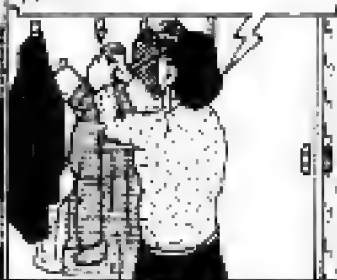


A few nights later..

YOU KNOW, I'M SURE
WE GOT FOLLOWED
HOME TONIGHT...



..I BET THEY'RE
DRAWING UP LISTS
OF PEOPLE RIGHT
NOW...



..THEY'VE HAD
LISTS FOR
YEARS, LOVE...



...I MEAN, THEY'VE
BEEN PRACTISING
IN NORTHERN
IRELAND FOR THIS
SORT OF THING....



ARE YOU OK,
LOVE?.....



...OH...I JUST KEEP
THINKING ABOUT
CHARLIE..IT'S HIS
FIRST NIGHT IN
PRISON.



**TWELVE MONTHS!
AND HE NEVER
TOUCHED THAT
COPPER...**



SO THE COPS LIE
TO PUT PICKETS
IN PRISON —
WHAT'S NEW?!



...WE'RE DOING A
SPECIAL COLLECTION
IN THE HIGH STREET
FOR HIS FAMILY...



...AND THERE'S A
MARCH TO THE
PRISON TOMORROW
LUNCHTIME...



WHAT'S GOING
TO HAPPEN
NEXT?



WE'RE UP AGAINST
SOMETHING SO
BIG!



...AND IT'S GOING
TO GET **WORSE**
..... I JUST
KNOW IT....



WE'RE NOT DOING
TOO BADLY - WE'VE
GOT....



WE HAVEN'T
EVEN **STARTED**
YET, LOVE !!



...THERE WAS THIS
THING ON TELLY
THE OTHER DAY
ABOUT THE
ENVIRONMENT...



WE'RE DESTROYING
THIS WORLD, BIT
BY BIT....



IT'S NOT **US**, LOVE,
IT'S NOT **US** WHO
ARE DOING ALL THAT!



IT DON'T REALLY
MATTER **WHO**
IT IS....



THE POINT IS
EVEN IF WE
WIN THIS
STRIKE....



EVEN IF WE WIPE
OUT LONGS AND
ALL THEIR MATES..



... AND **EVEN IF**
WE CHANGE THE
WHOLE BLOODY
SYSTEM....



...WHAT'S GONNA
BE LEFT OF THE
WORLD FOR US
... AND SHARON?!



GOD, I'M TIRED,
TIRED OF IT ALL!



.... **HOW**
TIRED ARE
YOU, LOVE?



NOT THAT TIRED, I GUESS..



Meanwhile, elsewhere...

HAVE YOU GOT THE STUFF...?



YEH, GALLONS OF IT... I'VE WIPED ALL THE PRINTS OFF...



OK LET'S GO! ...THE MOTOR'S AROUND THE CORNER....



WHEN DID YOU NICK IT?

THIS AFTER-NOON...



IT WAS A PIECE OF PISS! JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS!!



GOD, I FEEL SO NERVOUS....



SO DO I - I COULDN'T EAT ME DINNER...



YOU STILL WANNA DO IT?...

YOU BET!



OK - LET'S GO!!



THIS IS SERIOUS
STUFF - ABOUT 5
YEARS IF WE GET
CAUGHT...



I'M TIRED OF TALK,
DES - I JUST WANT
TO FUCK THOSE
BASTARDS GOOD
AND PROPER...



YOU'VE GOT SUCH
A BURNING
LOVE FOR
THEM, TINTIN..



I'LL PARK ROUND
THE BACK - IT'S
EASIER TO GET
OVER THE FENCE..



THIS IS IT...
TIME TO PULL
DOWN THE
BALACLAVAS..



THE HUTS ARE
THIS WAY...



JUST SPLASH IT
EVERYWHERE!!!



C'MON - QUICKLY!



DON'T FORGET
THE CRANE!!



HERE, I'LL LIGHT
IT - YOU THROW IT!



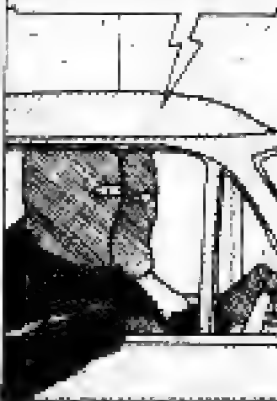
OH MY FUCKING GOD!!



COME ON, LEGGIT!



GO! GO! GO!



A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT!

IT'LL GIVE THE
BASTARDS
SOMETHING TO
THINK ABOUT!



IT'S TEMPTING TO
GO BACK AND
WATCH...



NO WAY! I
AIN'T JOINING
CHARLIE!!



DON'T FORGET TO
DUMP ALL YOUR
CLOTHES THEN!!

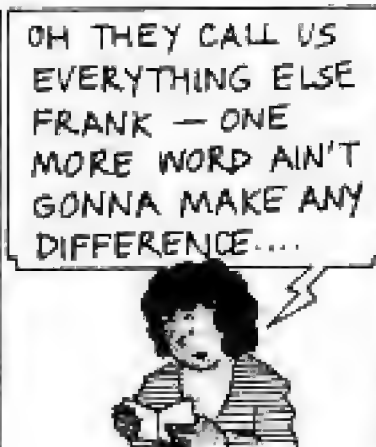


..AND LET'S KEEP
OUR MOUTHS
SHUT ON THIS ONE!



YEH, CARELESS
TALK COSTS
LIVES....





SINCE WHEN DID WE CARE WHAT THE PAPERS SAY?!



CAROLE'S RIGHT- IF YOU BELIEVED THE PRESS YOU WOULDN'T BE ON STRIKE NOW...



OK BUT WE CAN'T IGNORE THEM- MOST PEOPLE STILL READ 'THE SUN'... ..NOT 'STRIKE'!



THAT STILL DON'T MEAN THEY BELIEVE WHAT THEY READ...



THINGS LIKE THIS BLOODY FIRE WON'T CHANGE A THING, JIM...



THAT'S NOT TRUE ...THEY HURT LONGS AND THEY INSPIRE US TO....



YEH, BUT IT AIN'T A SUBSTITUTE FOR WORKERS TAKING ACTION...



WELL WHO SAID IT WAS?

LOOK, FRANK, AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, IT'S A BLOODY GOOD LAUGH...



... IT'S HIT LONGS IN THE POCKET AND IT'S GIVEN ME SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT!



STAY COOL, MATE!
— WE'VE GOT TO
HIT 'EM EVERY WAY
WE CAN!...



.. AND PERSONALLY
I'D LIKE TO BUY
WHOEVER DID IT A
COUPLE OF DRINKS!



OK OK OK!!
YOU WIN !!



ANYWAY IS THERE
ANY MORE NEWS
ABOUT THE DEMO?



YEH I WENT TO THE
REGIONAL STRIKE
CO-ORDINATION
MEETING LAST
NIGHT... IT'S
GONNA BE
MASSIVE!



...THERE'S
PEOPLE
COMING FROM
ALL OVER
THE COUNTRY!



AND THERE'S THE
PRISON MARCH IN
A FEW HOURS
TIME...



YEH, I THINK
MARY'S SORTING
THAT OUT NEXT
DOOR...



IT'S REALLY
BUILDING UP,
ISN'T IT....



WHAT I WANT TO
KNOW IS WHERE
WILL IT ALL END??



WELL LONGS AIN'T
INTERESTED IN
NEGOTIATION, SO
GOD KNOWS....



I HEARD THAT
BRITISH RAIL
ARE GONNA
OFFER THEIR
WORKERS 12%



HA! THEY'RE RUNNING
SCARED - BUYING
THEIR WAY OUT OF
TROUBLE...

BLOODY DIVIDE
AND RULE



YEH, BUT THE
WORD IS THAT
THE WORKERS
AIN'T TOO HAPPY
ABOUT IT...



... I MET
PETE DALEY
AND...



HELLO, STRIKE
CENTRE... YEH..
...YEH.....SURE..
... ABOUT HALF
AN HOUR? OK!



THAT WAS COLIN JACKSON
FROM THE POST WORKERS
—MANAGEMENT HAS
THREATENED EM WITH
THE SACK FOR BLACKING
LONGS MAIL ... CAN YOU
TWO GO OVER?



YESSIR!!
WE'RE ON
OUR WAY,
SIR!



And so, later....

...AND THAT'S THE
MANAGEMENT
POSITION....



EITHER STOP THE
ACTION OR GET
THE SACK...



SO WHAT'S THE
UNION LINE
COLIN?



WELL THEY SAY THE BLACKING
IS "ILLEGAL" AND...

HELL!



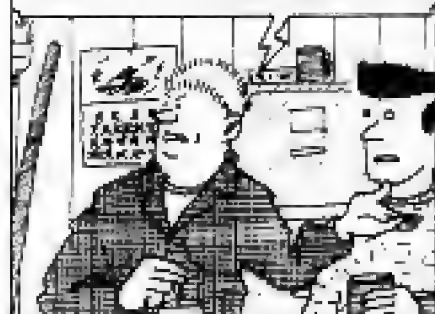
HA! WILL THE
BASTARDS
NEVER
LEARN!!?



THING IS
WE'VE GOT
A LOT OF
GRIEVANCES
OF OUR OWN...



Y'KNOW, LOW PAY, LONG
HOURS, CASUAL LABOUR
... ALL THE USUAL STUFF.



... ALL THIS
LONGS THING
HAS DONE IS
BRING IT ALL
TO A HEAD....



I RECKON WE'LL
BE OUT ON
ALL-OUT
STRIKE BY
TOMORROW...



BUT IT'D BE GOOD
TO HAVE SOME
LONGS STRIKERS
DOWN HERE...



YEH, I'LL SPEAK

GREAT! THE
MEETING'S
AT THREE...



I'LL TRY TO GET
TIM OR ANNE
DOWN TO TALK
ABOUT REGIONAL
STRIKE
CO-ORDINATION...



THEY CAN GIVE A
FULLER PICTURE
OF WHAT'S
GOING ON...



BRILLIANT! AS
I SAID, MOST OF
THE LADS ARE
SPOILING FOR A
FIGHT....



..AND THE UNION'S
GOT SOD-ALL
CREDIBILITY LEFT
AFTER THE '87
AND '88 DEALS...



DON'T FORGET TO BRING
ALONG POSTERS FOR
THE BIG DEMO ON
THE 20th...



IT SHOULD BE
A GOOD'UN!



DON'T YOU WORRY
MATE, IT WILL BE..
IT WILL BE!



CHAPTER • FOUR

GETTING SERIOUS



Some days later...

WHAT A **BASTARD!**
... THOSE BAIL
CONDITIONS ... !!



IT'S JUST THE
SAME AS IN
THE MINERS'
STRIKE, TERRY.



IF I EVER GET ME
HANDS ON THAT
MAGISTRATE,
CANHAM ... !



NO MORE. BLOODY
PICKETING... I'M
SO PISSED OFF!!



A STRIKE AIN'T
JUST ABOUT
PICKETING...



DON'T FORGET
ALL THE OTHER
WORK WE'VE
GOT TO DO...



LIKE WHAT?

WELL, FOLDING
ALL THESE FOR
A START...



...PUTTING FOOD
PARCELS
TOGETHER...
GETTING MONEY
TO RUN THIS
PLACE..



MONEY DON'T
GROW ON TREES,
YOU KNOW...



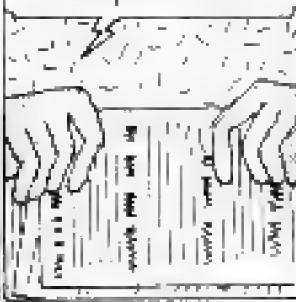
..YEH I'VE DONE
ME FAIR SHARE
OF COLLECTING,
DON'T WORRY...



..AND THEN THERE'S
TRYING TO STOP THE
UNION KICKING US
OUT OF HERE...



... LEAFLETING..
... FLYPOSTING..
... BABYSITTING...



BABYSITTING?!

YEAH!.....
BABYSITTING!



HOW ELSE DO YOU
THINK SOMEONE
LIKE MARY CAN
GET OUT TO
MEETINGS OR GO
PICKETING..



...MAGIC?!?

ER.. I'D NEVER
THOUGHT
ABOUT IT
BEFORE...



HERE, I BET YOU'D
MAKE A **BRILLIANT**
BABYSITTER, TEL!!



...YOU COULD
SING'EM
FOOTBALL
SONGS!!



HERE, GIVE US A
HAND WITH THESE,
YOU TWO....



THEY'RE THE NEW POSTERS...



THEY LOOK GREAT DES....



I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND IF YOU WANT TO FLY-POST TONIGHT..



HEY DID YOU HEAR ABOUT ALL THE EXCITEMENT ON OUR ESTATE...?

NO-WHAT?



APPARENTLY THERE WAS AN ELECTRICITY CUT-OFF TO ONE OF THE FLATS...



AT LEAST, THERE WAS MEANT TO BE ONE... BUT THERE WAS A CROWD OF PEOPLE.



...AND THEY MANAGED TO PERSUADE THE WORKERS NOT TO DO IT....

BRILLIANT!



YEH, I RECKON THE ESTATES HAVE GOT LOADS BETTER SINCE THIS STRIKE BEGAN.



... LIKE WHEN THERE WERE THOSE SMACK-DEALERS ON THE LANSBURY ESTATE...





YEAH, ME GRAN
CAN HARDLY
GET OUT THESE
DAYS...



SHE DEPENDS ON
HER HOME HELP
AND HER MEALS
ON WHEELS...



THERE YOU GO
THEN, TEL —
THERE'S A JOB
FOR YOU...



I CAN SEE IT NOW—
"TEL'S MEALS
ON WHEELS!"



HEY, THAT AIN'T
A BAD IDEA
CAROLE...



WELL, MAKE
SURE THAT IT
GETS TO BE MORE
THAN AN IDEA...



I'LL BRING IT UP
TOMORROW NIGHT
DON'T YOU WORRY!



YOU'RE RIGHT—WE'VE
GOT TO BACK UP
OUR ACTIONS WITH
REAL SUPPORT...



...IT'S NOT AS
IF IT'S NEW —
IT'S WHAT
WE'VE ALWAYS
DONE



THE NEXT NIGHT...
WHEN'S CAPTAIN
COMING BACK?...
IT'S GETTING ON
A BIT...



OH HE WAS POPPING
IN TO SEE CHARLIE'S
WIFE.... HE MUST
HAVE STAYED FOR
COFFEE...



HEY, DID YOU
HEAR THAT
THE FORD
WORKERS ARE
OUT...?



...THEY CAME OUT
THIS AFTERNOON...
GREAT!



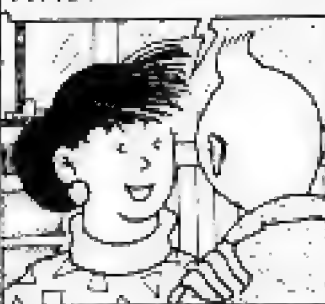
...YEH, THEY'RE
DOING FLYING
PICKETS TONIGHT
AND TOMORROW!



HEY, THINGS ARE
REALLY PICKING
UP - I MIGHT
EVEN GIVE THE
MATCH ON SATURDAY
A MISS !!



OH YEAH?! I'LL
BELIEVE THAT
WHEN I SEE IT !!



OH GOD!



OH SHIT... OH...
MY GOD... OH !!



OH GOD... OH MY
HEAD ... GOD!



WHO DID IT, EH...
WHO FUCKING
DID IT TO YOU?!



...I GOT JUMPED...
DOWN THE ROAD...
... I THOUGHT
THEY WERE GOING
TO KILL ME ... OH
GOD...



SSSSHH, LOVE!!
HERE, LET ME
CLEAN YOU UP A
BIT...



JIM, CAN YOU
DRIVE OUR CAR?



SURE!

HE'S GOT TO GO
TO HOSPITAL...
...THEY'VE CUT
HIM PRETTY
BAD..



BASTARDS!!
THEY'RE GONNA
PAY FOR THIS!!
DID YOU SEE 'EM
MATE?...



NO.. THEY GOT ME
FROM BEHIND...
THEY JUST SAID...
.. OH GOD!



... "THIS IS A
WARNING -NEXT
TIME IT'S YOUR
WIFE AND KID!"





LISTEN LOVE - WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE... GOT NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE - WE'VE **GOT** TO SEE IT THROUGH TO THE END!



BUT.. THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO, SO MANY DEMANDS..



.. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT - WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS DOWN THE CENTRE...



YEH, LET'S GET YOU PATCHED UP AND THEN WE'LL HAVE A FEN DAYS AWAY..



WE'LL GO STAY WITH MY SISTER - SHE'D LOVE TO SEE US...



OH, THAT WOULD BE NICE... THAT WOULD BE **REALLY** NICE....



The day of the demonstration....
COME ON, IT'S GONE TWO O'CLOCK...



DON'T WORRY - IT WON'T START ON TIME...

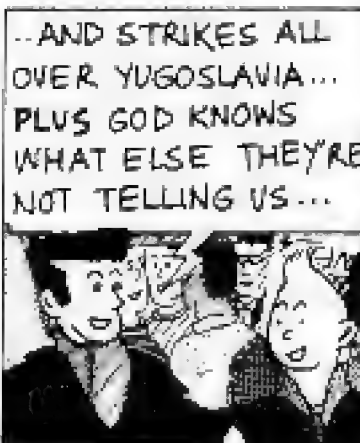


.. IT'S REALLY QUIET - I HOPE PEOPLE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT....









OH, IT'S GREAT —
THE UNION'S
GIVEN HIM THE
PUSH AT LAST...



EH?! THEY'RE A BIT
BLOODY LATE — WE
GAVE HIM THE PUSH
3 MONTHS AGO!!



WHAT ARE THEY
GONNA DO...?
REPLACE HIM
WITH ANOTHER
USELESS
WINDBAG?!



NAH! I HEARD THAT
THIS NEW BLOKE...
DAVE MILLS ... IS
ALRIGHT....



DON'T YOU BELIEVE
IT, HUSSAIN!! ...
THEY'RE JUST
TRYING TO BUY
US OFF!!



...BUT IT WAS
MILLS WHO
PUSHED THE TUC
INTO CALLING A
ONE-DAY STRIKE
NEXT WEEK...



OH, SO THAT MAKES
HIM A GOOD BLOKE
EH...?!?



WELL, OF COURSE
A ONE-DAY STRIKE
WON'T CHANGE
ANYTHING, BUT...



IT'S TOO LITTLE,
TOO LATE... FOR
CHRIST'S SAKE,
HALF THE
COUNTRY'S ON
STRIKE ALREADY!



HMM...YEH, I SUPPOSE
IT IS THE **FIRST**
THING THE TUC HAS
TRIED TO DO SINCE
THE STRIKE STARTED...



ACH!! THEY NEVER
DO ANYTHING....
EXCEPT SIT ON
THEIR OVERPAID
ARSES!!



LEFT AND RIGHT,
...MILLS AND
JONES, THEY'RE
ALL A BUNCH
OF WANKERS!



PHEW! WE MUST BE
ALMOST THERE - WE'VE
BEEN WALKING FOR
OVER AN HOUR...



DON'T WORRY,
DAD - DERBY
ROAD'S JUST
BEHIND THIS
ESTATE...



BLOODY HELL! THE
OLD BILL...THERE'S
THOUSANDS OF'EM!



SOMETHING TELLS
ME THEY AIN'T
GONNA LET US
GET NEAR THE SITE
TODAY...



I THINK YOU
MIGHT JUST BE
RIGHT, LOVE....

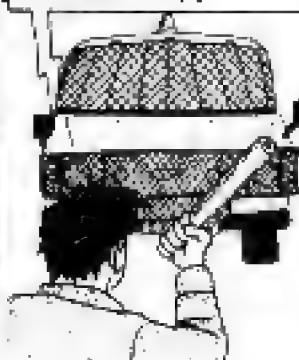








HEY! A MOVING
TARGET!!



OI!! YOU LOT!!!



THIS WAY TAKES
US RIGHT DOWN
BEHIND THE PIGS!



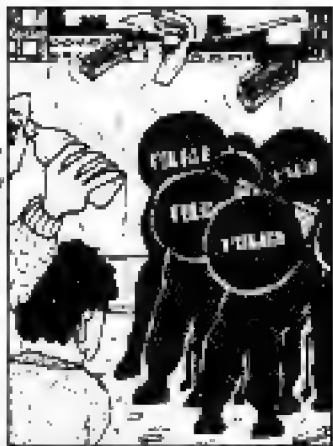
COME ON! WHAT
ARE WE WAITING
FOR?!!



KILL, KILL, KILL
THE BILL!!



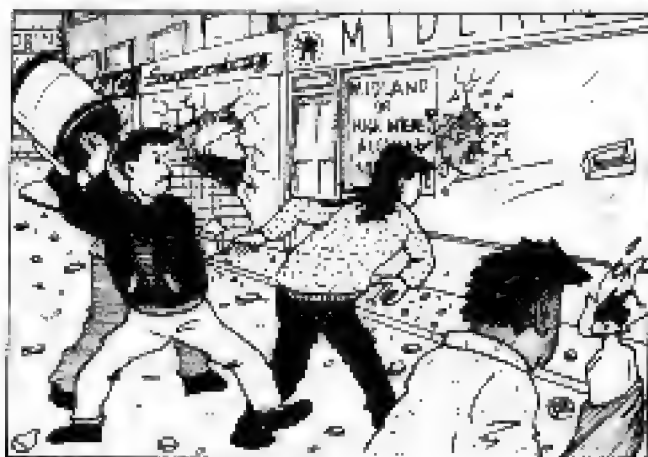
THUNK



TIME TO MOVE ON
AGAIN, KEV....



THIS SHOULD SLOW
THE PIGS DOWN
A BIT!...



HEY LOOK! MORE
AMMO....



THIS IS FUCKING
BRILLIANT!!



..ANYONE FANCY
A BEER??!



CHRIST! IT'S TESCO'S
... WE'RE MILES
FROM DERBY ROAD...



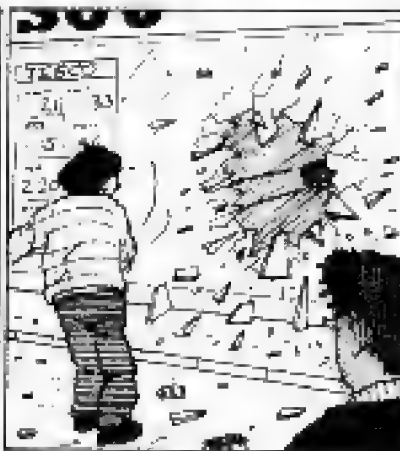
HEY, DON'T BE SO
BLOODY STUPID!



... THERE'S
PEOPLE
LIVING UP
THERE!!



DO IT LIKE THIS!



OH MY GOD!
WE'RE DOING
IT... WE'RE
FUCKIN' DOING
IT...!!



'ERE, DO YOU LIKE
THE WATCH...?

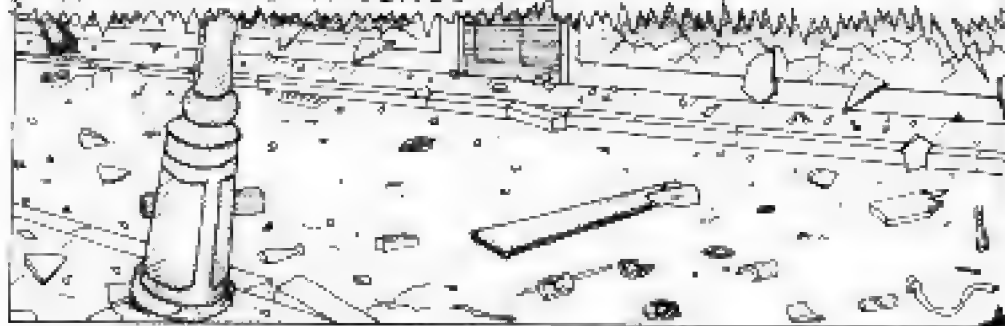
SHIT! IS IT
THAT LATE?!



TIME TO SPLIT
FOR GOOD... NO
POINT IN PUSHING
OUR LUCK...



...THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO
TIGHTEN UP THE LAW ON DEMONSTRATIONS FOLLOWING
LAST NIGHT'S VIOLENCE.



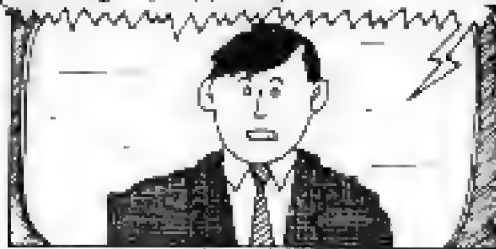
...THE TROUBLE FLARED
AFTER A DEMONSTRATION
IN SUPPORT OF THE THREE
MONTH OLD BUILDING
WORKERS' STRIKE ...

...UNCONFIRMED REPORTS
SUGGEST THAT ONE POLICE
OFFICER WAS MURDERED...
TWO RIOTERS ARE ALSO
BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED...



.... DOZENS OF BUILDINGS
WERE ATTACKED, INCLUDING
THE POLICE STATION, SOCIAL
SECURITY OFFICES AND A
NUMBER OF SHOPS

... POLICE ARRESTED 39
PEOPLE. MOST HAVE BEEN
CHARGED WITH PUBLIC
ORDER OFFENCES.....
THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS
OF TROUBLE IN
OTHER PARTS OF
THE COUNTRY...





"Enough is enough. We Britons are rightly proud of our reputation as a tolerant race ...



But when democracy is threatened by picket-line thugs and grinning rioters, the balance has swung too far. It is time to make a stand against the tactics of the bully-boy....



As we fought Hitler, so we must fight the new Fascists of the Left ...



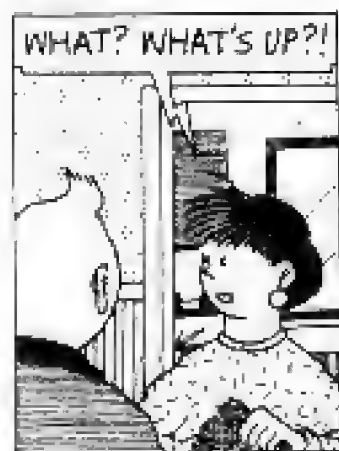
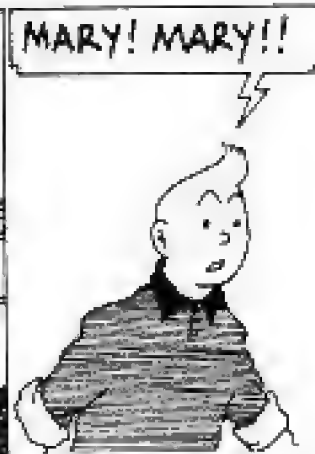
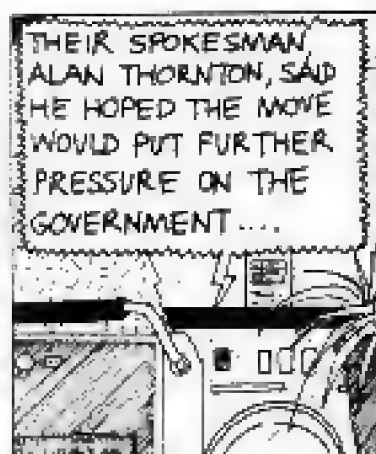
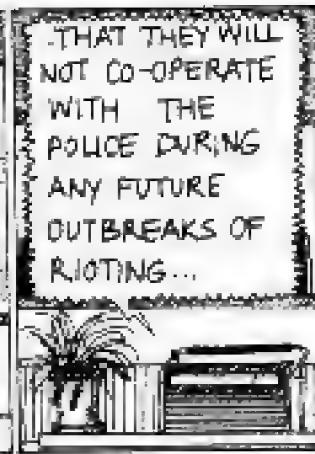
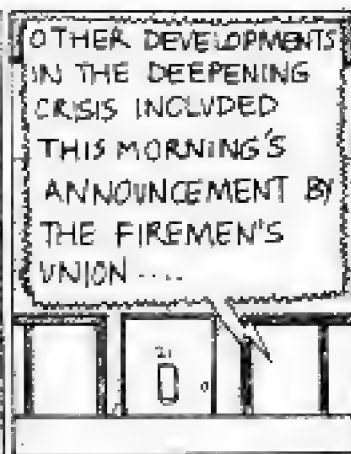
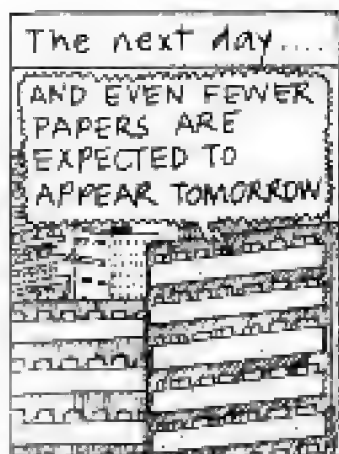
...whose aim is the creation of a Soviet style dictatorship here in Britain. This Government has failed the British people....

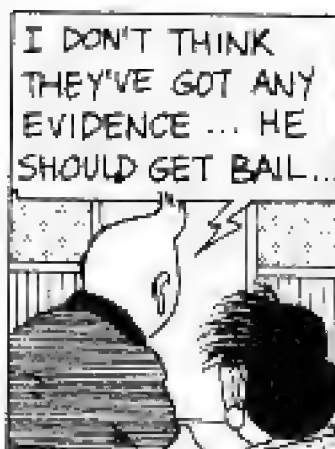


...We need to see tough new laws..."
AND IT JUST CARRIES ON LIKE THAT....!!









Meanwhile....

GOOD DAY, GENTLEMEN!
I'D LIKE TO OPEN
THIS MEETING OF
THE EMERGENCY
COMMITTEE STRAIGHT-
AWAY...



...SIR ROBERT,
PLEASE GIVE US
THE LATEST
SITUATION....



...YES, MINISTER.
WELL I'M AFRAID
IT DOES LOOK
GRIM...



THERE ARE NOW OVER
750,000 WORKERS
ON STRIKE THROUGHOUT
THE COUNTRY...



..AND THERE ARE
CONTINUING
DISTURBANCES IN
MANY AREAS
WHICH WE BELIEVE
ARE CONNECTED
WITH THE STRIKES



...TO BE BLUNT,
SEVERAL LOCAL
AUTHORITIES ARE
ON THE POINT OF
COLLAPSE....



..THE POLICE ARE
CHRONICALLY
OVER-STRETCHED..



... AND IN SOME KEY
AREAS, LAW AND ORDER
HAS BROKEN DOWN...
IRRETRIEVABLY...



GENTLEMEN,
WE HAVE A
MAJOR CRISIS
ON OUR HANDS..



WHAT PARTICULARLY WORRIES ME ARE THESE SO-CALLED REGIONAL STRIKE CO-ORDINATIONS...



HMPH! DAMN SUBVERSIVES!

I QUITE AGREE GENERAL, BUT THE TRUTH IS WE'VE NEVER FACED THIS LEVEL OF ORGANISATION BEFORE



...WHAT SCARES ME IS THE TOTAL LACK OF UNION REPRESENTATION ON THESE R.S.C.'s



IT'S THE COMMUNISTS, SIR ROBERT... THEY'VE STIRRED UP THE WORKERS AGAINST THE UNIONS..



...THE R.S.C.'s WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH US AT TRANSPORT HOUSE...



I THINK IT'S ABOUT BLOODY TIME YOU STOPPED **SNIVELLING** AND DID SOMETHING TO GET YOUR MEN BACK UNDER CONTROL!!



...OR ELSE WE'LL HAVE TO START CONSIDERING MORE SEVERE MEASURES....



WITH RESPECT GENERAL, WE HAVE **ALREADY** PASSED THAT STAGE...



...THE R.S.C.'s HAVE PROVED TO BE A VIABLE FORM OF ORGANISATION... I CAN SEE NO ROLE FOR THE UNIONS!



ERR... THAT'S A
BIT HARSH, SIR
ROBERT...



...YOU'VE MISSED THE
POINT — THE SHEEP
HAVE DESERTED
THEIR SHEPHERD!!



BUT... BUT... WE'RE
STILL A CHANNEL
FOR NEGOTIATION...
NEGOTIATION?



DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
THERE ARE BARRICADES
IN THE STREET AND
YOU'RE TALKING OF
NEGOTIATION ?!!



AND SIR DAVID?
YOUR THOUGHTS?



WELL I AGREE
THAT THE TIME
FOR TALK HAS
PASSED....



... I MEAN WE CAN'T
POSSIBLY OFFER THEM
EVEN HALF OF WHAT
THEY'RE DEMANDING...



... AND THEY'RE
MAKING NEW
DEMANDS ALL
THE TIME !....HOW
ABOUT DIVIDING
THEM... ?



WE'VE TRIED THAT
... AND FAILED,
MINISTER !



YOU SEE, THESE R.S.C.
ARE UNITING ALL THE
STRIKERS IN A WAY
WE'VE NEVER SEEN
BEFORE...



.. YES, IT'S TIME
WE TRIED A
DIFFERENT
APPROACH....



ER, YES, SIR DAVID..
WE **HAVE** MADE
PLANS FOR THIS
EVENTUALITY....
GENERAL?



MY BOYS CAN
DELIVER ... BUT
EVEN **WE** ARE
UNDER PRESSURE..



NATO IS FULLY
TIED UP WITH
THE UNREST IN
ITALY AND
FRANCE....



.... AND IF SOUTH
KOREA SPREADS...
.... WELL, WE WOULD
BE **SEVERELY**
STRETCHED!



AND.. AHM!.. TO BE
FRANK, THERE IS A
GROWING QUESTION
MARK OVER THE
LOYALTY OF SOME
OF THE TROOPS....



WILL THEY SHOOT
THEIR OWN
FAMILIES.....?

PRECISELY!



NATURALLY THE
CRACK REGIMENTS
REMAIN ENTIRELY
RELIABLE...



... AND IN THE MEAN-
TIME, THERE ARE
OTHER MEASURES...
CHIEF CONSTABLE?



YES, WE COMMENCE
ARRESTING KNOWN
RINGLEADERS AND
SUSPECTS TONIGHT



...AND THERE IS
A SIMULTANEOUS
BAN ON ALL
DEMONSTRATIONS
AND MARCHES!



WE MEET WITH THE
OPPOSITION WITH A
VIEW TO FORMING
A NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT...



.. AND AS FROM
MIDNIGHT, THE
TELEVISION, RADIO
AND PRESS WILL
BE UNDER OUR
OFFICIAL
CONTROL



THE BATTLE IS ON!!



I THINK WE ARE
ALL AGREED THAT
THIS IS A FIGHT
AGAINST CHAOS
AND SUBVERSION...



.. AND THAT OUR
PRIORITY MUST BE
TO RESTORE ORDER
ABSOLUTELY!



IN THAT CASE, WE
HAVE NOTHING MORE
TO DISCUSS... I CLOSE
THIS MEETING!



A few days later...

I CAN'T WAIT FOR
WEDNESDAY....



I THINK IT'S GONNA
BE MASSIVE....
EVERYONE'S TALKING
ABOUT IT....



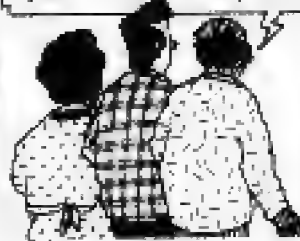
ALL THAT THIS
BLOODY BAN
HAS DONE
IS MAKE IT
BIGGER...!



IT'S AMAZING! I
CAN'T REMEMBER
EVER FEELING LIKE
THIS BEFORE...



THE RAIL AND BUS
STRIKES ARE
DEFINITELY ON
ACCORDING TO
LAST NIGHT'S RSC.



... AND THERE'S
GONNA BE DEMOS
IN BIRMINGHAM,
MANCHESTER,
GLASGOW, BELFAST..



HOW'S THE PAPER
COMING ALONG?
DID THEY SAY?



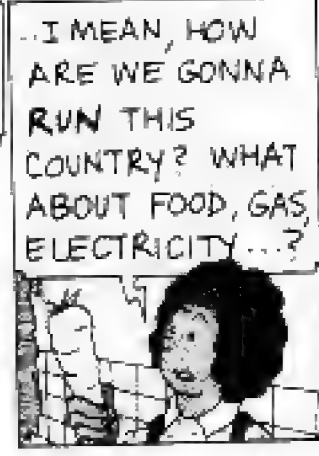
...YEH, IT'S LOOKING
GOOD... THEY'RE
TALKING OF DOING
250,000 COPIES...



WHAT? EVERY
DAY?!

YEAH! WE
CAN DO IT..
NO SWEAT!





...NONE OF THIS'LL
BE SETTLED
WITHOUT A
REVOLUTION...



HEY, DON'T GET
ME WRONG, YOU
TWO — I THINK
IT'S A SOUND
IDEA!



...I JUST DON'T
WANT US TO GET
SADDLED WITH
ANOTHER BUNCH
OF LYING
POLITICIANS



....OR END UP
LIKE RUSSIA
OR CUBA



TOO RIGHT!

GOD! I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT...



... A FEW MONTHS AGO
I WAS QUIETLY
WORKING, WAITING
FOR ME
WAGE-
PACKET...



AND NOW HERE WE
ARE TALKING ABOUT
RUNNING THIS
COUNTRY !!



WELL, ONE THING'S
FOR SURE, MATE...



WE'LL MAKE A
BETTER JOB OF
IT THAN THOSE
BASTARDS EVER
DID!!



Tuesday morning...

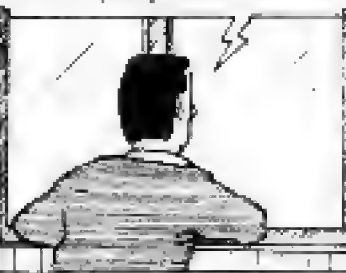
BAD NEWS! THE
PRINTING PRESS GOT
FIREBOMBED
SOME TIME
LAST NIGHT...



IT'S OK - WE CAN
GET ANOTHER
ONE BUT IT'S
GETTING HEAVIER
EVERY DAY!



THE ARMY WILL BE
SENT IN SOON
PEOPLE WILL GET
ROUNDED UP...



WHAT WE'VE GOT
TO DO IS TOTALLY
CONTROL OUR AREAS



YEH, WE SHOULD
START ORGANISING
PATROLS...



...AND WE SHOULD
ARM OURSELVES...



HE'S RIGHT, NICKY...
...IT'S WAR NOW...



WAR?!!

IT'S US OR
THEM....



ALL THE BULLSHIT
HAS GONE ... I KNOW
IT'S SCARY, BUT
IT'S DESTROY OR
BE DESTROYED!



... BUT PEOPLE ARE
GOING TO BE KILLED,
YOU KNOW....



PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
KILLED ALREADY,
LOVE ... AND WHERE'S
CAPTAIN NOW ...??



OH GOD!!...



DON'T WORRY, MARY...

I DO WORRY...
I'M FRIGHTENED



... I WANT HIM
BACK SO MUCH...
DID YOU SEE THE
STATE HIS FACE
WAS IN, IN COURT..?



... I KNOW...

"RESISTING
ARREST"?! HA!
BASTARDS!!



WE'VE GOT TO GO
ALL OUT NOW...
IT'S THE ONLY WAY!



IT'S JUST THAT I
FEEL SO LONELY
... AND SHARON
KEEPS ASKING
WHERE HE IS....



WHAT DO I TELL
HER? THAT
HER DAD'S BEEN
ARRESTED AND
BEATEN UP...?
... FOR WHAT?!



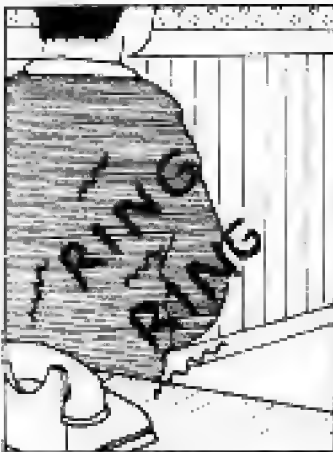
FOR WANTING A LITTLE
BIT MORE **MONEY?**
A BIT MORE COMFORT?



COME ON, MARY...
WE'RE ALL IN THIS
TOGETHER....
YOU'RE NOT ALONE.



IT MAKES ME
SICK ...I FEEL
SO **ANGRY...**



HELLO? ...SPEAKING..
...OH **SHIT** ... YEH..
...WHO? .. YEH..
TAKE CARE ... YEH
I WILL... **BYE!**



THAT WAS **TARIQ**
....THEY'VE JUST
RAIDED THE STRIKE
CENTRE !!



SHIT!! WHO DID
THEY GET?



HARRY.. ANNE.. DAN
...AND A FEW OTHERS
... IT'S ALL REALLY
CONFUSED ...



THIS IS IT THEN!
IT'S **WAR!** THE
ONLY QUESTION IS
WHO'S GONNA BE
NEXT!



THEY'RE PROBABLY
AFTER **YOU** AS WELL
...I WOULDN'T GO
HOME IF I WERE
YOU...



NO, I'LL STOP OVER
AT A FRIEND'S...
I'M GONNA HEAD
DOWN THE CENTRE
-YOU COMING, DES?



YEH....ARE YOU
TWO STAYING
HERE?



YEH-WE'VE STILL
GOT SOME
PRISONERS
SUPPORT WORK
TO DO....



OK... TAKE LOADS
OF CARE...



AND IF WE DON'T
SEE YOU TONIGHT,
WE'LL SEE YOU
BOTH TOMORROW...



THE MEN LEAVE
FOR BATTLE....

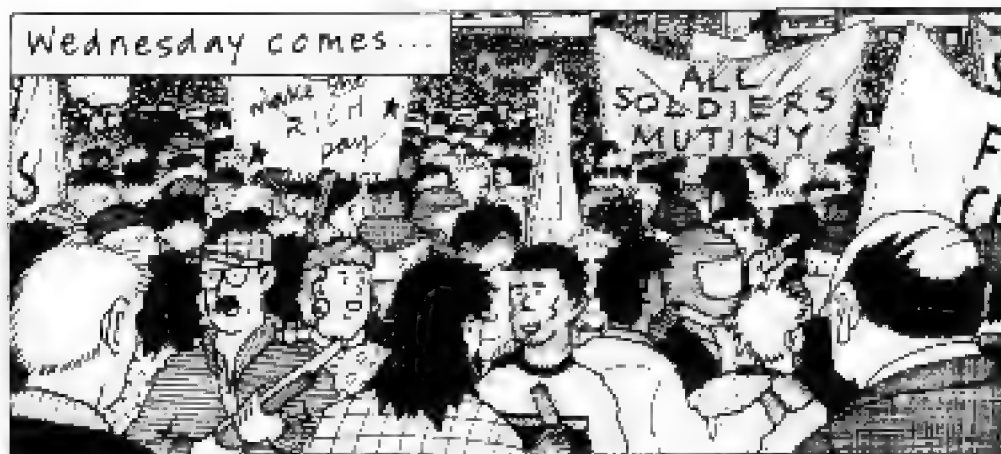
IT'S OUR
BATTLE AS
WELL...



YEAH....I KNOW...
IT JUST REALLY
FRIGHTENS ME...



Wednesday comes...



THIS IS JUST
INCREDIBLE!!



THERE MUST BE
HALF A MILLION
OF US!!



AND SO MANY KIDS!



WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?
THE SCHOOL STRIKES
HAVE BEEN THE
MOST SOLID.... OF
COURSE!!!



I'VE SEEN HALF
OF MY CLASS
HERE ALREADY
MUM....



AND I'VE SEEN
HALF OF MINE!
HELLO YOU LOT...
ALRIGHT?



HIYA JIM... I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING... IT'S FANTASTIC!!



...AND FOR ONCE, I CAN'T SEE ANY COPPERS...



THEY'LL BE ABOUT SOMEWHERE...

A mile away...



NAH! I RECKON WE'VE GOT 'EM THIS TIME, JIM...

HIYA MARK!



SCOTLAND'S GONE ALREADY! THE R.S.C.s HAVE TAKEN OVER THE POWER STATIONS UP THERE...



AND WHEN THE TROOPS WENT IN, HALF OF 'EM CAME OVER TO OUR SIDE...



IT'S NOW OR NEVER MATE... THERE'S NO GOING BACK!!



WHAT IS THERE TO GO BACK TO?!



THIS IS IT NOW.. IT'S WAR, INNIT... ..CLASS WAR!!



DID YOU HEAR THAT
THE QUEEN'S GONE
AND DONE A BUNK
TO CANADA...?



GOOD BLOODY RIDDANCE
...LET'S HOPE THE REST
OF'EM TAKE THE HINT!



...I NEVER
THOUGHT I'D
SEE THIS IN
MY LIFETIME



YEH... YOU KNOW,
TED, I HOPE THIS
NEVER EVER ENDS!



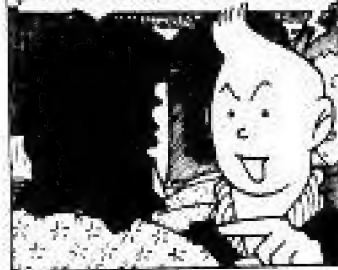
I JUST WISH THAT
CHARLIE AND ALL
THE OTHERS INSIDE
COULD BE HERE...



DON'T WORRY, JANET
CHARLIE WILL BE
OUT SOON... I'M
SURE....



I'VE GOT A FEELING
THERE WON'T BE ANY
PRISONS LEFT BY
THE END OF THE WEEK



LOOK SHARP, TINTIN
— LOOKS LIKE WE'RE
MOVING OFF!



HERE WE GO THEN!
...THIS IS IT!!



ME SISTER PHONED LAST NIGHT ... SHE SAID THE ARMY HAVE BEEN SENT INTO LIVERPOOL...



..TO "RESTORE ORDER" — WHATEVER THAT MEANS!



...IT'S **THEIR** STINKING ORDER, THEIR RIGHT TO SCREW US .. THEY CAN STUFF IT!!



WE'VE HAD A GLIMPSE OF SOMETHING BETTER ...AND WE WANT MORE!



SOLIDARITY is STRENGTH

REGIONAL · STRIKE · CO-ORDINATION



only the beginning...

Further Infos and readings:

In english:

<http://libcom.org> (anarchosyndicalist and anarchist forums, debates, infos)

<http://www.christiebooks.com> (Page of Stuart Christie)

http://www.christiebooks.com/total_films.html (Anarchist Movies, Documents etc.)

<http://ianbone.wordpress.com> (Ian Bone – Classwar)

<http://www.solfed.org.uk> (Anarchosyndicalists)

In german:

www.syndikalismus.tk (anarchosyndikalistische Portalseite mit aktuellen Infos)

www.syndikalismusforschung.info (wie der Name schon sagt)

www.fau.org (AnarchosyndikalistInnen)